

## Khamenei reelected president

LONDON (R) — Clergyman Ali Khamenei was reelected president of Iran with 85 per cent of the votes cast in last Friday's election, the official news agency IRNA reported Monday. It said Mr. Khamenei, 46, received 12,203,870 of the total 14,244,630 ballots cast. The agency, received in London, said lawyer Mahmoud Kashani, 42, was runner-up with almost 1,403,000 votes and former Trade Minister Habibollah Asgar-Owadi, 52, received just over 283,000 votes. Mr. Khamenei, who is also leader of the country's dominant Islamic Republican Party, won 95 per cent of the votes cast when he was first elected president, the third since the 1979 Islamic revolution, in October 1981. He followed Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, who fled into exile in July 1981, and Ali Rajai, killed by an assassin's bomb two months later.

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## S. Arabia denies Iranian claim

BAHRAIN (R) — Saudi Arabia on Monday reiterated its intention of keeping politics out of the Hajj pilgrimage. The Saudi Press Agency (SPA) quoted Interior Minister Prince Nayef Ibn Abdul Aziz as saying the kingdom "will not allow activities detrimental to pilgrims' safety." At a news conference in Mecca Sunday night the prince denied a report by Tehran Radio that a recent demonstration by Iranian pilgrims took place with Saudi approval, SPA said. Thousands of Iranians demonstrated in the Holy City of Medina 10 days ago calling for the downfall of the superpowers and their leader urged them to turn the Hajj into a "volcano against the oppressors." Iran is sending 150,000 pilgrims to the holy shrines this year. In previous years, Iranians have staged noisy demonstrations and clashed with Saudi police.

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## Rifai receives 8 ambassadors

AMMAN (Petra) — The prime minister, Mr. Zaid Rifai, received separately in his office Monday eight Jordanian ambassadors serving abroad. Mr. Rifai received ambassadors Kamal Hmoud (Peking), Nabih Nimer (London), Hassan Abu Nimeh (Brussels), Faleh Al Tawel (Moscow), Mohammad Kamal (Washington), Awad Abu Obeid (Algiers), Khalid Madadiah (Tokyo) and Talal Hassan (Tunis).

## Trade delegation leaves for Iraq

AMMAN (Petra) — A Jordanian trade delegation, headed by Trade and Industry Minister Rajai Muasher, left for Baghdad on Monday to participate in the meetings of the Jordanian-Iraqi Company for Industry which has been set up recently. During its visit, the delegation is also expected to discuss with Iraqi officials trade and other issues of concern to the two countries.

## Luxembourg foreign minister due today

AMMAN (Petra) — Foreign Minister of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg Jacques Poos is due here Tuesday for a three-day visit to Jordan. Mr. Poos is expected to meet with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Prime Minister Zaid Al Rifai. He is also expected to meet with Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri and senior officials to discuss developments in the Middle East region and international issues of common concern as well as relations between Jordan and Luxembourg. During the visit, Mr. Poos is expected to meet with ambassadors from European Community member states.

## Israeli patrol attacked in Gaza

AMMAN (Petra) — Palestinians in the occupied Gaza Strip attacked an Israeli military patrol on Sunday with handgrenades near Jabalia, north of Gaza town, according to reports reaching here. The reports said Israeli troops imposed a siege on the district and arrested several Arabs for questioning. The attack is the second of its kind in three days. According to the reports, another Israeli patrol was attacked with a grenade while passing through Khan Yunis in the Gaza Strip on Saturday and the Israelis then detained a number of Arabs. No details were available on casualties.

## Syrian Air resumes Beirut flights

BEIRUT (AP) — A Syrian Air jetliner landed at Beirut airport Monday to inaugurate a new passenger service with Damascus. It was the first flight by a Syrian airliner to the U.S.-boycotted facility in at least a decade. Syrian Air will fly to Beirut every Monday and return to Damascus the same day. Middle East Airlines, Lebanon's national carrier, will fly to Damascus every Thursday under a similar arrangement.

# 'Reprisal' car bombs kill 28 in W. Beirut

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Two car bombs exploded within half an hour of each other in west Beirut on Monday, killing 28 people and wounding 68, in what were widely seen as reprisals for two similar bombings that killed as many as 67 people and wounded about 250 in east Beirut last week.

Soon after Monday's attacks, fighting flared along the city's "green line" battle zone. The Voice of Lebanon radio said shelling killed a man near the main east-west "museum crossing" which was subsequently closed to traffic.

The series of bombings has inflamed factional hatred and hindered efforts by Syria to revive Lebanon's paralyzed government and promote talks to end a decade of civil war.

President Amin Gemayel said the aim of the bombings was "to obstruct the Syrian role and lead the country back to a climate of violence and death."

President Gemayel denounced the two bombings in west Beirut and last week's bombings in east Beirut saying the "cycle of violence is not sparing anyone."

The state radio quoted him as saying the "criminal hands are moving from one area to another."

Education Minister Salim Hoss commented: "The criminal and that is hitting in east and west (Beirut) is one."

The west Beirut attacks came as east Beirut families mourned the victims of last week's two car bomb blasts.

The first killed 13 people and wounded 122 in a crowded street on Wednesday. Up to 54 people

were killed and 130 wounded in a second bomb that wrecked a supermarket on Saturday.

"We have a car bomb war on our hands now," the privately owned Voice of the Nation radio said on Monday's attacks.

A group calling itself the "Black Brigades" claimed in a telephone call to a Western news agency in Beirut that it carried out Monday's bombings to "counter a war of extermination aimed against our Christian people."

The anonymous caller said: "Because terrorism can be remedied only by terrorism, we proclaim war on terrorist organizations and their leaderships wherever they may be."

He declared: "We assert that we shall confront the war of extermination... with a counter extermination war and proclaim our determination to avenge all the Christians killed, slaughtered and displaced in this country."

"We reaffirm that if Christians are not allowed to live in peace in Lebanon, no one else will be able to."

The chain was the first made by the hitherto unknown "Black Brigades."

No group has claimed responsibility for the bomb blasts in east Beirut, which have drawn condemnation from many Muslim leaders, including Shi'ite Amal

militia chief Nabih Berri. Mr. Berri, who is also justice minister, visited the bombing sites in west Beirut. He warned the Christians by saying: "Any aggression, be it shelling or destruction, against nationalist (Muslim) areas will push us into a showdown."

Monday's first bomb exploded just after midnight near a restaurant in the Zarif district of mostly Muslim west Beirut, killing 24 people and wounding 61, security and hospital sources quoted by Reuters said.

Police said it was a Peugeot car packed with 40 kilograms of TNT and 10 anti-tank grenades.

The explosion, which set passing cars on fire and trapped at least one driver in his blazing auto. The blast set buildings on fire around the Hamadeh restaurant in the Karakol Al Druze neighbourhood.

The residential district is controlled by militiamen of the mostly Druze Progressive Socialist Party (PSP).

Black columns of smoke spiralled from two apartment blocks set on fire by the blast. Wrecked cars burst into flames as bulldozers tried to clear a path for rescuers through streets strewn with rubble and broken glass.

The second car exploded near a mosque in Ghobeireh, a Shi'ite Muslim suburb, killing four people, three of them Sri Lankans, and wounding seven, security sources said.

The 30-kilogramme bomb went off in a street crowded with people on their way to the mosque for midday prayers. It devastated a four-storey building and set a dozen cars on fire.

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## Hebron flat occupation is illegal, Rabin concedes

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin admitted on Monday that a group of Jewish parliamentarians occupying a house in the West Bank town of Hebron were acting illegally and would have to leave.

He said in a radio interview that the parliamentarians could be removed if they did not leave the house in Hebron's ancient Arab marketplace of their own accord.

Three members of the extremist Tehiya or "heritage" party moved into the empty house last week to press the government to settle more Jews in the centre of the volatile town in the occupied West Bank.

Jewish settlers claim the house was bought from an Arab resident but Mr. Rabin said that the Jews had not obtained defence ministry approval as required by law (West Bank Land "deals" — tip of an iceberg, page 4).

## Amal men, Palestinians clash in Beirut camp

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Shi'ite Muslim Amal militiamen and Palestinians fought machine gun and grenade battles in a Beirut refugee camp Sunday night, the third such clash in a week, security sources quoted by Reuters said.

They said fighting at Bourj Al Barajneh camp began after midnight and lasted till dawn. There was no word on casualties.

In South Lebanon, Amal militiamen fired in the air during a night search near the Palestinian camp of Rashidiyeh, south of Tyre, militia sources said.

Amal-Palestinian tension has persisted since mid-June when Amal and Shi'ite army units called off a five-week assault on Beirut camps which left some 700 dead and 2,500 wounded.

In another development, a Palestinian commando was shot dead Sunday night in the "Al Ain Al Hilwet camp near the southern city of Sidon, security sources said. They had no details.

The Amal siege of the Beirut camps was called off after the militia signed an agreement with the "Palestinian National Salvation Front" grouping of Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) factions opposed to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat. Syria, a staunch ally of Amal and other leftist forces in Lebanon, mediated the agreement.

However, tension is high in the camps and there had been occasional skirmishes between Amal gunmen and Palestinian defenders of the camps since the agreement was signed.



His Majesty King Hussein on Monday listens to a speech by a representative of an Arab youth camp, the first of its kind currently being held in Amman, during a meeting he had with participants of the camp (Petra photo)

## Peres warns against failure of U.S. efforts for peace

TEL AVIV (AP) — Prime Minister Shimon Peres was quoted as warning Monday that the Middle East could slide towards another war if U.S.-led efforts fail to get peace talks started.

Speaking at a closed session of parliament's foreign affairs and security committee, Mr. Peres said failure to move toward peace could create "a coalition of despairing nations" that might "give up hope of negotiating peace with Israel."

His remarks were reported by an official who spoke on condition of anonymity and by Israel radio.

Mr. Peres was reporting to the committee on U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy's six-day Mideast mission to try to arrange peace talks.

Mr. Murphy left the Middle East on Sunday without meeting a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation.

Mr. Peres told the committee the meeting failed to take place because Mr. Murphy did not receive the assurances he sought that the encounter would lead to direct Arab-Israeli peace talks, the official said.

Directing his comments at right-wing factions who voiced reservations about Mr. Murphy's mission, Peres said that peace "is an expression of strength, not of weakness."

Mr. Peres repeated Israel's refusal to attend an international peace conference that included the Soviet Union as long as Moscow refused to resume diplomatic relations that were severed in 1967, the official said.

The premier contended that some Arab leaders had tried to persuade the Soviet Union and China to renew ties with Israel, the official said, without elaborating.

## 'Eid holidays announced

AMMAN (J.T.) — All government departments and public institutions will be closed for six days starting Sunday Aug. 25, on the occasion of 'Eid Al Adha (Feast of the Sacrifice), which marks the end of this year's Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca.

A statement from the Prime Ministry said that offices will open again for business on Saturday, Aug. 31.

Islamic Chief Justice Sheikh Mohammad Mhailan has sent a cable to the Saudi justice minister informing him of the spotting of the new moon of Dul Al Hijja (Arabic lunar month) on Saturday, Aug. 17, and therefore, he said, Monday, Aug. 26, which falls 10 days later, will be the day of the feast.

Sheikh Mhailan also sent cables to this effect to the mufti of Saudi Arabia and the chief Islamic justices of Syria and Egypt.

## Jerusalem should have special status — Pope

CASABLANCA (Agencies) — Pope John Paul, who arrived Monday for a brief visit to Morocco, said he basically agreed with the view that Jerusalem should have special international status.

Speaking to reporters during the flight, he also reaffirmed his belief that Israel had a right to exist.

The Pope was spending only five hours in 99-per cent Muslim Morocco on the last leg of a seven-nation African tour. Both the Vatican and Moroccan authorities billed the visit as an historic encounter between Christianity and Islam.

King Hassan, who invited the pontiff and greeted him Monday at Casablanca airport, is Morocco's spiritual as well as political leader.

Moroccan media said the two men would discuss the question of Jerusalem, which Israel proclaimed its "eternal and indivisible capital" after occupying the whole city in 1967. King Hassan heads an Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) committee on Jerusalem.

Speaking to reporters aboard the plane bringing him from Nairobi, the Pope said the Islamic World believed Jerusalem should have a special status as religious capital for Christians, Jews and Muslims alike.

"That is also the view of the Holy See, of Pope Paul VI," the Pope said, adding that he wanted to "basically continue the attitude of my predecessor."

The Vatican has long called for international status for Jerusalem. It has refused to establish diplomatic relations with Israel until this and other Middle East problems are resolved.

The question of the coexistence of Christians, Muslims and Jews in the Middle East needed to be regulated, the Pope said.

# King stresses need for contacts among Arab youth

AMMAN (J.T.) — Arab youth participating in a week-long summer camp in Jordan were Monday received by His Majesty King Hussein and the Royal Court.

The King, in a brief speech to the youth representing 11 Arab countries, underlined the importance of constant contacts among Arab youth with the purpose of exchanging views and ideas. He expressed hope that the camp will offer a good opportunity for the participants to get to know one another and share experiences that would benefit all of them.

King Hussein was praised for his keenness on promoting sports and youth activities by Dr. Ali Al Zughol from Forum Humannur, Jordan, which organised the camp. He said the camp's participants pledge to do all they can to implement the Forum Humannur's objectives, guided by the King's directives.

This camp, he said, offers the youth several types of cultural experience stemming from the basic principles and aims of the Great Arab Revolt which has its deep root in Jordan's history.

This camp also offers recreational and field trips intended to offer the participants a chance to familiarise themselves with Jordan's geography and tourist and archaeological sites, and also opens the way for them to exchange views on problems encountered by youth in the Arab World, Dr. Zughol said.

Another speaker was Shathelia Boukhasbiba, a participant from Tunisia, who voiced appreciation for King Hussein and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan for offering her and her colleagues the opportunity to take part in the camp activities. This camp should be regarded as a big achievement because it embodied the aspirations of all youth taking part in it and who have come to acquaint themselves with this country and the development projects its leaders are implementing to achieve progress, the Tunisian delegate said. She said that the camp activities will help the participants to make friends and increase their sense of belonging to a unified Arab society.

The camp, the first of its kind in the Arab World, is designed to highlight Jordan's historical background and the country's role in confronting the Zionist challenge. It is also aimed at increasing interaction among Arab youth through their life together in the field and archaeological sites they visit in the country.

The camp was opened by Prince Hassan on Thursday at Mu'ia near Karak. He made a speech to the 100 male and female participants underlining the significance of the Great Arab Revolt in Arab history and political future.

Youth from Egypt, Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, North Yemen, Lebanon, Mauritania, Palestine, Tunisia, Sudan and Jordan are taking part in the camp activities.

The youth's meeting with the King was attended by Chief of the Royal Court Marwan Al Qasem, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh and Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid.

## Youth visit Jordan Valley

Earlier, the participants in the youth camp visited the Jordan Valley and their first stop was at the King Hussein Bridge across the River Jordan. They watched travellers crossing into the West Bank under the strict measures imposed by the Israeli occupation authorities.

The visitors heard a detailed briefing by Dr. Fuad Beisi on the West Bank's agricultural and economic conditions and the products that are being exported.

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# U.S. Navy experts begin defusing unexploded rocket on damaged tanker

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — U.S. bomb disposal experts boarded the Belgian oil products carrier Naess Leopard Monday to remove and defuse an unexploded rocket fired at the vessel by Iranian jet fighters in the southern sector of the Gulf waters, marine salvage executives reported.

The 45,700-ton ship was raised Sunday, in an apparent retaliation for Iraq's air raid on Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal last Thursday.

The explosives experts came aboard the vessel from an unidentified warship serving with the U.S. Navy task force in Gulf and the Indian Ocean, these executives said.

The kerosene-laden ship anchored off Doha, Qatar, Sunday night, when shipping sources said the unexploded rocket was still aboard it.

The vessel radioed a mayday signal at 10:06 a.m. Sunday, telling Gulf-based marine salvage agencies that it had been struck with rockets fired by Iranian planes near the funnel at a point 40 kilometres east of the peninsula state of Qatar.

The Naess Leopard was crippled near the Shah Olam region in the southern sector of the Gulf waters, an area where Iranian warplanes previously raided a total of 18 merchant ships.

The recently-commissioned ship made it to Qatar under its own power despite serious damage to its crew's quarters and navigational equipment, maritime shipping sources reported.

Hong Kong-registered tanker Oriental Importer sustained two rockets. Salvage sources said at the time that one seaman was killed and two others were missing as a result of that raid.

Iraq has vowed to strangle Iran's economy by blocking its oil exports, depriving Iran of revenues to finance its 5-year-old war against Iraq. Iran has retaliated by attacking commercial shipping in areas where nations friendly to Iraq could be hurt.

Iraq claimed two of Kharg's three jetties were badly damaged by rockets.

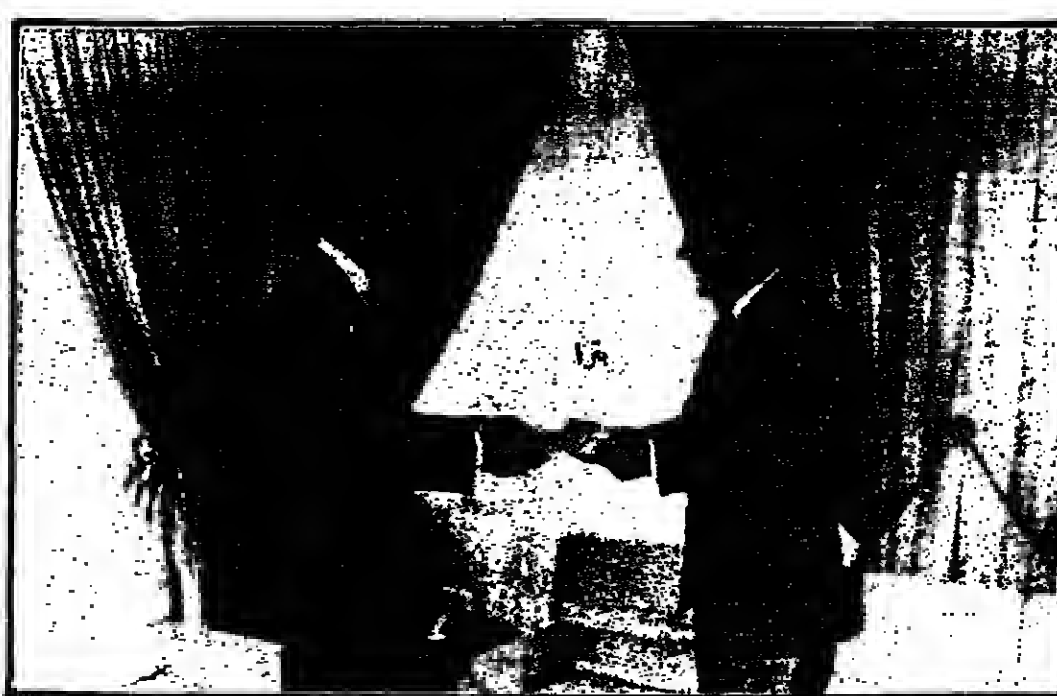
Gulf-based shipping sources said at least one jetty was destroyed and another seriously damaged. Surface pipelines and an oil loading control room also were damaged, said the sources, who spoke on condition of not being identified.

The Iranian newspaper Keyhan Al Arabi rejected the Iraqi claim as "exaggerated... not worthy of comment, as it evidently was meant for propaganda."

The Iraqi planes struck on the eve of presidential elections in Iran.

The Maltese-registered, Norwegian-managed supertanker Torill was hit by three rockets Thursday while loading in Kharg, the sources said. The 181,000-ton Torill went to Dubai for damage inspection, they reported.

A Dubai-based shipping executive said the Kharg attack cut Iran's oil exports by 25 per cent.



ENVOY PRESENTS CREDENTIALS: Jordanian Minister Taher Al-Masri (left) Monday receives the credentials of newly-appointed Swiss Ambassador to Jordan Harold Borer (Petro photo)

## KUNA chief predicts no due attention to Arab issues in U.S.-Soviet summit

KUWAIT (AP) — A noted Arab commentator on Monday inferred that the projected U.S.-Soviet summit might not accord the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Gulf war adequate attention, urging the Arabs to unite and pressure Washington.

"A mere hint by the Arabs, directed primarily at Washington, that U.S. interests in the Arab World might become endangered... would certainly cause the White House to reconsider its pro-Israeli anti-Arab policies," said Barges Hammoud Al-Barges, board chairman of the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA), in an analysis.

He conceded that failing to attain this objective, the Arabs will have to "beseech and implore every U.S.-Soviet summit" for due attention.

Mr. Barges noted that the recent Arab summit conference in Casablanca, Morocco, had as-

signed Moroccan King Hassan to communicate Arab views to U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev well ahead of their Nov. 19-20 summit in Geneva.

King Hassan was to visit Washington for that purpose sometime next October, he said.

"But what are the Arab views that the king is to communicate?" Mr. Barges asked in his analysis, which was distributed by the agency. "Will these be the views of the five (Arab) powers that boycotted the summit, or the 15 countries and the Palestine Liberation Organisation that attended it?"

He asked if King Hassan was to openly tell Mr. Reagan and Mr. Gorbachev that "we, Arabs, are split into two camps... on account of the (five-year-old Iran-Iraq) Gulf war and the decade-old Leb-

anese bleeding."

"Past experience has shown that the superpowers don't act unless they feel that there are genuine threats to their interests in vital regions," Mr. Barges wrote.

He contended that neither the U.S. nor the Soviet Union offered any serious effort to end the Gulf war.

"The two superpowers' interests seem to coincide on not allowing any of the (Gulf) warring parties to score a decisive victory over the other," he said.

Mr. Barges arrayed a number of international issues expected to be tackled by the Reagan and Gorbachev, insisting that the overriding objective in the summit will be to make sure that the two superpowers under no circumstances will be dragged into a confrontation on account of any regional question.

## Libyans expelled from Tunisia Tripoli reports

BAHRAIN (R) — Libyan residents and tourists have been expelled from Tunisia and have had their property confiscated, Tripoli radio has said.

The radio, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), quoted informed sources at a border post as saying those expelled had also been maltreated by Tunisian police.

"The police told them that their expulsion was in response to the return of Tunisians whose work contracts (in Libya) had ended," it said.

Tunisia says Libya has expelled 10,000 of its nationals in recent

months, stopped buying Tunisian goods and halted visits by Libyan tourists.

Libya, hit by a slump in oil prices and production, says it was reducing its dependence on foreign labour because of adverse economic conditions and to boost its self-sufficiency. It has also expelled thousands of Egyptians and 1,000 Malians.

Commenting on Egyptian and Tunisian charges that expelled workers had had their savings confiscated, the radio added: "All monies which were due to the Arab brothers who have left have been paid in full."

## Lebanese Shi'ite leaders arrive in Iran for talks

LONDON (R) — Two fundamentalist Lebanese Shi'ite Muslim militia leaders have arrived in Tehran for talks with Iranian officials about Lebanon, the Iranian News Agency IRNA reported.

The agency, received in London, said Hussein Mousawi and Sheikh Sobhi Al Tofaili arrived on Sunday and were met by Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Hussein Shikholeslam.

The two men lead a wing of the Hizbollah militia in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley town of Baalbek, a mainly Shi'ite Muslim area

where some 700 Iranian clerics and Islamic Revolutionary Guards are also based.

Mr. Mousawi told IRNA that he condemned recent car bombings in Beirut, calling them "Zionist acts... aimed at bringing Lebanon to its knees."

Sheikh Tofaili said his party "keeps close relations with the leadership of the Islamic Revolution" and IRNA quoted the leaders as saying they wanted an Islamic Republic in Lebanon.

"We believe the future of Lebanon is that of Islam," he added.

## UAE approves fingerprinting of foreign residents, visitors

ABU DHABI (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) cabinet has approved a bill calling for fingerprinting of all foreign residents and visitors, a senior official was quoted as saying Monday.

Interior Ministry Undersecretary Brig. Khalifa Mohammed told the daily Al Bayan newspaper the plan would be implemented as soon as his ministry ended an operation study.

He also said plans to modernise the coast guard system and border checkpoints were under study.

Kuwait, whose Emir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah escaped a car-bomb assassination attempt in May and where restaurant bombings killed 10 people last month, has announced it will start taking fingerprints of nationals and residents born before January 1970 in September.

## Algeria to bury 57 bodies of FLN fighters found in abandoned mine

ALGIERS (AP) — The remains of 57 people, apparently executed by the French during the Algerian War, have been found in an abandoned zinc mine in the mountains south east of Algiers, the daily El Moudjahid has reported.

The newspaper said all the victims appeared to have been shot or strangled with wire, and that French soldiers dynamited the mine shaft before leaving in 1962 "in hopes that their crimes would remain secret."

The remains will be buried Tuesday, the same day that ceremonies will be held throughout Algeria to mark the 30th anniversary of the alleged massacre of an estimated 12,000 Algerians by French soldiers and paramilitary defence groups.

That bloody operation was considered a turning point in the early phase of the war because it eliminated any hope of compromise and turned most of the Algerian population firmly against the French.

Over the years since independence in 1962, other mass graves, usually containing a dozen or so bodies, have been found

around Algeria. The largest, with the remains of 98 people, was found in 1982 near the small village of Khenchela in eastern Algeria.

That grave was next to the site of a former French military camp.

In general, neither the Algerian government nor the Algerian press has made much of an issue of the periodic discovery of mass graves.

France now is Algeria's main trading partner, and relations have improved greatly in recent years. They became particularly warm after Socialist Francois Mitterrand was elected French president in 1981.

In France, where the war is still considered an emotional issue, the statute of limitations has expired on the prosecution of war crimes. Until 1962, Algeria was a French department, considered by many to be as integral part of the country as any mainland province.

There was no French reaction to the reported discovery of the latest grave, and none was expected.

Tuesday's national ceremonies will mark the Aug. 20-21, 1955 mass killing of Algerian guerrillas.

suspected guerrillas, their families and sympathisers immediately following a series of brutal strikes by Algerian Liberation Front (FLN) guerrillas against European settlers.

French officials at the time said 123 Europeans were killed during the guerrilla attacks. Many of the victims, including women and children, were hacked to death and disembowelled.

The bloody retaliation by French troops and French settler self-defence groups was a decisive step in what became an eight-year conflict.

Until then, the FLN enjoyed only limited support among the indigenous population and the French Governor-General, Jacques Soustelle, was trying to work out a formula for power sharing between the 330,000 European "pied noires" settlers and the 3.1 million natives.

Algerian and French historians agree that the Aug. 20, 1955 FLN guerrilla strikes against European civilians were launched to radicalise the population and scuttle any hopes of a compromise settlement.

## Turkish politicians challenging military restrictions on politics

By Emel Anil  
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ANKARA — Nearly two years after the military allowed a limited return to civilian rule, banned politicians are quietly trying to make a comeback and challenge the ruling Motherland Party.

Former premier Suleyman Demirel and Bulent Ecevit are seeking a power base despite a constitutional ban that forbids them to engage in politics until 1992.

The veteran politicians, both 60-years-old, cowdways often capture the centre stage in the Turkish press with comments on the state of the nation and the future of democracy in Turkey.

Mr. Demirel is known to be the behind-the-scenes leader of the True Path Party, a centre-right political group that is likely to pose the greatest challenge to Premier Turgut Ozal's Motherland Party in elections.

Path leader hand-picked by Mr. Demirel, has been touring the country to demand a constitutional amendment to lift the political ban and an end to military interventions.

Mr. Cindoruk, dubbed by some Turkish columnists as "the remote-controlled custodian," declared in a party meeting earlier this month that "in Turkey, parties come to power through free elections and leave with cap d'eats. This is our democracy."

Mr. Ecevit is regarded as the chief mentor of the Democratic Left Party which is to be set up this summer or in early fall. The most likely candidate for party chairmanship is his wife Rahsan.

Since the introduction of multi-party politics in 1945, Turkish Armed Forces have intervened three times: In 1960, 1971 and 1980.

After the 1980 intervention, the generals stayed in power for three years. Before relinquishing power, they brought about a new

constitution banning the old political parties and their leaders from active participation in politics.

Many parties and their candidates were banned from participating in the November 1983 elections that brought Mr. Ozal to power.

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Mr. Ozal permitted all parties to enter the local election race in March 1984 and many parties scored great gains.

The Social Democratic Party (SODEP), led by Erdal Inonu, son of late President Ismet Inonu, came in second after the Motherland Party. The opposition parties represented in parliament did poorly.

Since then, there have been shifts in the political scene. Military-approved leaders of the parliamentary opposition parties have been deposed by party con-

gresses. Aydin Guven Gurkan, the new leader of the Populists, has sought a merger with Inonu's SODEP. The merger, a major step to unite the left, is expected in a few months.

A pro-Demirel man, Ulku Soytemezoglu, has recently become chairman of National Democracy, giving Mr. Demirel some control over a second party.

In the meantime, a small but reportedly well-organised Muslim fundamentalist party, the Prosperity Party, has emerged.

These three rightist parties are likely to split the traditional centre-right majority in Turkey, reducing Motherland's votes of 45 per cent, political analysts say.

The earliest test is in spring 1986, when elections are to be held for five seats vacated by deaths in the 400-member, one-house parliament.

Mr. Ozal may be forced into early elections, before the scheduled date of fall 1988, if his party has a poor showing in the

spring 1986 elections, analysts say.

There have been no recent public opinion polls to indicate the strength of the parties.

However, Mr. Ozal has begun to show signs of willing under the barrage of political attacks from opposition party leaders.

Mr. Ozal, who used to hold impromptu press conferences even on the beach, his belly protruding over his swimming trunks, has given up his easy-going style and shuns the press.

Economic analysts do not think Mr. Ozal's political problems are serious as long as his economic programme works.

Middle class Turks, the core of Motherland's electoral strength, are complaining of high inflation and wages that do not keep up with price rises.

But inflation is likely to be reduced this year to 40 per cent from previous year's 53 per cent, analysts said.

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## Prime minister confers with industry chamber members

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Zaid Al Rifai conferred with his office Monday evening with Mr. Issam Bdeir, the chairman of the board of directors of the Amman Chamber of Industry, and members of the chamber's board.

Mr. Bdeir and his colleagues expressed to Mr. Rifai their satisfaction with and appreciation for the government's recent measures designed to support local industries.

The board members pledged that they will abide by cabinet decisions concerning the manufacture of products required by the local market and consumers and said that they will also conform to local and international specifications and standards.

Last Saturday the cabinet passed several decisions designed to encourage local industrial pro-

duction, and to provide protection to national industrial businesses in implementation of directives contained in His Majesty King Hussein's letter to the government upon its formation.

On Sunday the Amman Chamber of Commerce also praised the important economic decisions taken by the cabinet on Saturday to support and protect local industries and import and export procedures. In a statement the chamber expressed appreciation for the government's keenness to implement policies to support local industry, encourage investment and revive the economic sector.

The public, the statement added, should also encourage local industries because this will develop and improve their efficiency in the future.

## Hamzeh calls for improved standards in health services

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Health Zaid Hamzeh Monday said that there is a need to improve medical services rather than to increase the number of health centres in the Kingdom.

Dr. Hamzeh also visited the health centre in Jerash and advised staff to make more use of medical treatment cards to save costs and to give doctors full information about patients, thus helping to diagnose illness and to prescribe the proper medicine. The minister concluded his tour with a visit to the health centre in Soof where he inspected the progress of work.

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The minister was briefed by the hospital director on the medical services provided to the public. He also pointed out that occupancy at

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Crown Prince condoles Al Lawzi family

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Monday paid a visit to the Al Lawzi family and expressed his condolences on the death of the late Ahmad, Ghaleb, Sami and Yahia Al Lawzi. The four family members were killed in a road accident two days ago.

### Decree approves People's Army law

AMMAN (Petra) — A Royal Decree has been issued approving the People's Army law for the year 1985. The law tackles the goals and tasks of the People's Army and drafting procedures for the army. Another Royal Decree has been issued approving the Ports Corporation law for this year.

### Cabinet forms advisory committee

AMMAN (Petra) — The cabinet has decided to set up an advisory committee to conduct a study on the income and expenditure of Jordanian families. The Department of Statistics has been entrusted with the task of forming the committee, to be chaired by the department's director general, and to include representatives of the Ministries of Industry and Trade, Supply and Planning as well as the Central Bank of Jordan and the Royal Scientific Society.

### Team leaves for land transport meetings

AMMAN (Petra) — The six-member Jordanian side to the meetings of the board of directors of the Iraqi-Jordanian Land Transport Company (IJLTC) left for Baghdad Monday. The meetings, which will open today, will discuss the progress of work at the company and ways of increasing efficiency.

### JDA to attend dental conference

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordanian Dentists Association (JDA) is to take part in the 73rd conference of the International Dental Federation (IDF) scheduled to be held in Belgrade, Yugoslavia on Sept. 21. JDA President Walid Maraga said that the seven-day conference will discuss a number of scientific topics which concern dentists in addition to IDF organisational procedures.

### University organises scientific camp

AMMAN (Petra) — The University of Jordan Faculty of Engineering and Technology Monday organised a voluntary scientific camp in Zai in Balqa Governorate. The programme of the five-day camp, in which 50 students are participating, includes visits to People's Army training centres, lectures on the scout movement, voluntary work as well as sports contests and competitions.

### Court sentences forger

AMMAN (Petra) — The military court has sentenced Ibrahim Abdul Wahed Abdul Aziz to 10 months imprisonment for forging official documents. The general military governor has endorsed the sentence.

## Tutu boycotts talks with Botha

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senior Anglican in South Africa. In an interview published Monday, Senegalese President Abdou Diouf, who heads the 50-nation Organisation of African Unity, called for strict diplomatic and economic sanctions against South Africa.

Mr. Diouf was quoted by the Paris daily Le Matin as asking the international community to enact "obligatory economic sanctions and total diplomatic isolation" against the white-minority government in Pretoria.

Robert McFarlane, national security advisor to U.S. President Ronald Reagan, said in a television interview in the United States on Sunday that Washington had no intention of abandoning its policy of "constructive engagement" towards South Africa.

Also on Monday, Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi called for a global boycott of South Africa to secure the unconditional release

of black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela.

"The recent escalation of violence in South Africa is a matter of profound concern to the international community," Mr. Gandhi said in a statement.

"His deeds, if not thousands of innocent lives have been lost (and) the poor majority black population has been further impoverished... all this is the direct result of the policy of apartheid practised by the racist South African regime," he said.

"To struggle against this tyranny is the natural and just response of the oppressed people of South Africa... the man who personifies this struggle and its sufferings is Nelson Mandela."

Mr. Gandhi, who is current chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement grouping 101 developing countries, said the only way to secure Mr. Mandela's unconditional release was to totally isolate South Africa.



Experts on social development affairs from United Nations and Arab League agencies begin their three-day meetings in Amman on cooperation in social welfare programmes (Petra photo)

## U.N., Arab League agencies begin talks on cooperation in social development

AMMAN (J.T.) — Minister of Labour and Social Development Khalil Al Haj Hassan Monday opened at the Amra Hotel a three-day meeting on cooperation between the United Nations and the Arab League in social development fields.

The minister paid tribute to the United Nations and the Arab League for their support to causes of peace and development around the world. The Jordanian government, he said, is keen on supporting all joint efforts to promote social development "because man is the means and the aim in the process of social development, and man should have his skills developed to improve living conditions."

This joint meeting at the "sectoral level" is of paramount importance, coming at a time when the Arabs are intensifying efforts towards overcoming backwardness and establishing social justice, the minister said.

Addressing the session was Mr.

Ibrahim Al Sa'ad, Arab League assistant secretary general for social and cultural affairs. He outlined areas of cooperation between the Arab League and the United Nations agencies towards promoting social development in the Arab region over the past three decades.

### Arms spending

Mr. Sa'ad criticised nations spending on arms at a time when millions of people in the Third World die of hunger. In 1980 the world spent \$450 billion on arms while in that year aid given to help social development throughout the world did not exceed \$35 billion, one quarter of which came from oil producing countries, Mr. Sa'ad said.

He also criticised the Arab World for spending \$23 billion on arms in 1982 while many of its areas are still underdeveloped and suffer from poor food production. Food production in the Arab

World, he said, is declining and self-sufficiency is far from being achieved, Mr. Sa'ad said.

Later, Mr. Abdul Rahim Ahi Farah, United Nations assistant secretary general for special political affairs, made a speech in which he said that this sectoral meeting was held to help implement recommendations adopted at a first meeting held in Tunis in 1983. He spoke about the U.N. third decade strategy which includes projects for international cooperation and which aims at creating basic changes in relations between developed and developing nations.

Participants are expected to discuss joint projects prepared by the Arab League and the United Nations social development organisations. Nearly 50 world renowned consultants, experts and regional directors of Arab League and United Nations social development agencies are participating in the meeting.

## Hmoud tours towns, villages in Zarqa district

ZARQA (Petra) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment, Marwan Hmoud Monday made an inspection tour of Zarqa and its surrounding towns and villages in Zarqa district.

His first stop was at Zarqa where he chaired a meeting of heads of municipal and rural councils in the district. The minister said that the government is concerned with solving problems pertaining to land ownership in Zarqa and Ruseifa and has appointed committees to help with the process.

The minister called on the mayors and heads of village councils to abide by the ministry's set of organisational maps as a basis for planning further development projects and construction programmes. Mr. Hmoud said he was forming a working team to make an estimate of the organisational plans for Zarqa and a second team to study the adverse impact of pollution on the city caused by the various industries and wastewater treatment plant in the district. This second team, he said, will also present proposals for handling the effects of pollution which is affecting Zarqa, Ruseifa, Duleil and Hashemieh.

At the meeting the minister said that a feasibility study will be



Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Marwan Hmoud Monday meets with officials from Zarqa (Petra photo)

made on development projects to be implemented by Zarqa Municipality to include an assessment of funds required for these projects. Mr. Hmoud said that his ministry will help Zarqa Municipality conduct a study on organising traffic in the city and building a new slaughter house. The minister, accompanied by directors of various departments, toured a number of towns and villages and looked into their needs and projects.

Projects planned for the district include: building two iron bridges to connect the eastern and western parts of Zarqa, a plan for installing traffic lights in Ruseifa and Zarqa, building a sports city and recreational grounds and a multi-storey car park. The minister also announced a donation of JD 1,000 to sports clubs in Hashemieh to encourage their activities. The tour included Sukhneh, Duleil, Hashemieh, Zarqa and Ruseifa.

## 'Reprisal' car bombs kill 28 in Beirut

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The Ghobeirah suburb is controlled by Shi'ite militias allied with the PSP in Lebanon's 10-year-old civil war.

Rescue workers found the key to the Peugeot's engine near its wreckage and told reporters the bomber "probably left it deliberately to give the impression that he would return to his car soon."

The blast gouged a one-metre-deep crater in the street and hurled hundreds of eggs and water meters in nearby shops all over the area.

"I was inside the (egg) shop. I was thrown up to the ceiling with about five customers," shop owner Ahmad Saad said.

He was hit in the right leg by shrapnel. He added: "I knew of nothing else because I fainted."

Rescuers said they found two mutilated bodies in front of Mr. Saad's shop.

They said three young sisters also were killed in the nearby Zein shoes shop in the nine-storey Kaaki building.

driver that he couldn't park there," Mr. Bindak said. "The driver said he wanted to buy a sandwich from the restaurant and would only be for a minute."

Mr. Bindak said the man went into the restaurant, bought a sandwich then ran away. Moments later the bomb exploded.

The owner of the wrecked restaurant, Ihab Hamadeh, said there were no customers in his place when the bomb exploded. His staff survived with minor cuts from flying glass shards.

Civil defence rescuers and militiamen on the scene said most of the casualties were passing motorists.

"I saw a man burning in his car and I couldn't help," said Malek Joun, 15.

Another wailing woman ran up the glass-littered street, pulling her hair and screaming: "It's a massacre, it's a massacre."

Enraged by the carnage, one Shi'ite fighter named Abu Mehdi bitterly blamed Christian forces for the blast and swore revenge.

eriorating security crisis. Former President Suleiman Franjeh said in an interview in the Beirut newspaper As Safir: "We will need no help from anyone to cut off the head of the sick man at the helm. There are 101 ways to achieve this."

Mr. Franjeh, 75, who was president when the civil war broke out in 1975, said: "If Satan himself became the president, he would do less damage than that caused by Amin Gemayel."

"There will be no solution for Lebanon while this sick head is present. So we simply have to cut it off."

Mr. Franjeh said he has launched a drive with Lebanese parliament members to ensure a majority vote for a constitutional amendment that would shorten the presidential term from six years to three "in order to oust him (Mr. Gemayel) soon."

Mr. Karami warned in a statement distributed by his office that prevailing security conditions in Lebanon were like those that triggered off the 19-month first round of the civil war.

"We are like we were in 1975. I plead, but no one hears. The government is unable to meet. Officials do not shoulder their responsibility," said Mr. Karami, who also was prime minister when the civil war broke out. He has served six times as premier.

## JD 21.5m telephone project to improve communication services in Amman, Karak

### Japanese firm signs contract for exchanges, networks

AMMAN (Petra) — A Japanese firm has won a JD 21.5 million contract to implement three projects designed to improve telephone services in Jordan.

A spokesman for the Telecommunications Corporation (TCC) said that the three projects are part of the government's plans to extend telephone services to urban and rural regions in all parts of the country.

The agreements were signed by Minister of Communications Muhiyeddin Al Hussein and a representative of the Japanese firm.

The first project entails installing two new telephone exchanges in Amman; one at Abdali with an initial capacity of 21,000 lines and the second in Marj Al Hamam district with an initial capacity of 6,000 lines. Each of the exchanges will have a ceiling capacity of 40,000 lines.

The first project, which is expected to cost JD 4.1 million, should be operational during the first quarter of 1987. The second project entails laying cable networks for subscribers in four regions of Amman: Marj Al Hamam, Sweileh, Wadi Seer and Marqa. The second project, expected to cost JD 7.3 million, should be completed by the end of 1987.

The third project entails laying an integrated telephone network in Karak Governorate to serve 80 towns and villages in the governorate. The initial capacity of the network will be 10,000 lines, which could be expanded to 21,000 lines. The third project, estimated to cost JD 10 million

should be completed before 1987.

The three projects will be covered by a JD 16 million soft loan from the Japanese government and the remainder will be paid by the Jordanian treasury.



Minister of Communications Muhiyeddin Hussein (centre) Monday signs an agreement with a Japanese firm which will implement three major projects to improve telephone services in Jordan (Petra photo)

## Corporation prepares for urban planning training course

AMMAN (Petra) — The Housing Corporation is organising a five-day training course on designing and implementing projects in Arab urban regions to be held in early September.

Housing Corporation director Shafiq Al Zawaideh said that the course, which will be attended by 32 specialists from 15 Arab countries, was in implementation of resolutions adopted by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements at a meeting in Gabon last year.

The course will help the participants to exchange views about designing, implementing and maintaining urban development projects and will discuss modern technology involved in the process, Mr. Zawaideh said.

He said specialists from the Jordan and the U.N. Centre for Human Settlements will give lectures on the relevant topics involved. Those participating in the course, he said, come from the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Tunisia, Djibouti, Sudan, Syria, Somalia, Iraq, Oman, Qatar, Libya, Morocco, North Yemen and South Yemen in addition to Jordan.

## Heart recipient appears on JTV in high spirits, good health

AMMAN (J.T.) — The first Jordanian heart recipient is doing well at the King Hussein Medical Centre and his health is improving steadily. Jordan Television (JTV) Monday evening showed his viewers the patient, Abdullah Khalil, eating normal food and chatting in a normal manner.

Speaking with his interviewer, Mr. Khalil, who received his new heart 12 days ago, said he was feeling better every day and as a result was allowed by doctors to walk around the room and to do simple activities.

Dr. Husam Nshewat, a heart surgeon who is supervising Mr. Khalil's progress, said that all laboratory tests and X-rays indicated that the patient's heart is in a normal condition. Mr. Khalil's general condition can be described as very good and the patient is improving steadily, Dr. Nshewat added.

He said that Mr. Khalil can now eat, walk and can carry out some activities without any assistance. But, he said, Mr. Khalil is still isolated from the patients because the treatment he is being subjected to warrants that at present.

The operation was performed by Major General Da'oud Hanania, director of the Royal Med-



Abdullah Khalil

ical Services and chief of cardiac surgery at King Hussein Medical Centre. At the time, Dr. Hanania said that he expected the patient, who is 23 years old, to leave hospital within the next two weeks.

The operation lasted four hours but the actual heart transplant process took about 80 minutes.

The transplanted heart was taken from a 26-year-old Jordanian, Walid Khaled Hindawi, who suffered brain death in a car accident four days earlier.

Abdullah Khalil had been suffering from congestive cardiomyopathy, a heart muscle disease which could have been fatal within months.

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## Oh no, not another plan

A SYRIAN-ENGINEERED security plan for Lebanon, put into force in July, is clearly not functioning. In fact, the word "security" no longer seems to exist in the strife-torn country. And the prime minister, Rashid Karami, was warning yesterday that the situation in his country today is reminiscent of that which preceded the civil war in 1975 and could lead to something even worse than it.

We have always maintained that it is up to the Lebanese people themselves to end their feuds and work together to end the bloodshed. That the Lebanese have decided Syria was the only force capable of helping them do that is their own business, and we can only wish them luck and success in their endeavours. But where do we draw the line between what is sincere and genuine in attempts to bring security to Lebanon and doing what is wrong and unjust in the process?

Before and after the announcement of the latest security plan, reports from Lebanon spoke of a siege by Shi'ite Amal militiamen against Palestinian camps in Beirut which had already been devastated in the fighting that left 700 dead and 2,500 wounded in May and June. The siege developed into machinegun and grenade battles on Sunday night and yesterday, and the clash was the third of its kind in a week.

We do not know what is going to happen next to the besieged Palestinian camps. But, judging by recent experience, we do fear the worst could happen to them.

The siege of the camps since mid-June has already done a lot of harm and caused great hardships to Palestinian refugees living in them.

(According to a recent report released by a Britain-based charity organisation, Medical Aid for Palestinians, the situation in the camps is appalling — probably even worse than during the five-week Shi'ite assault on them. The report paints a gloomy picture for the camps' residents who have now been reduced to their original number of 70,000 and who continue to face the prospect of displacement or even annihilation.)

The situation in Lebanon, whether for the suffering of the Lebanese or the Palestinians living there, is all the more painful when one sees no real hope in it. But maybe there is a hope, and we do not know about it.

If indeed there is such a hope, it surely does not lie in another security plan for east or west Beirut or the mountains. It can only be found in a fresh start for the whole of Lebanon. The question is how to start looking for it.

# W.Bank land 'deals' — tip of an iceberg

By P.V. Vivekanand

AMMAN — The emergence of what appears to be a major political scandal involving fraudulent purchase of Arab land by Jewish settlers in the occupied West Bank points to yet another serious aspect of Israel's relentless drive to deprive the occupied territories of their rightful owners.

Notwithstanding the arrest and pending trial of two "small fry" operators involved in the case, the fact that little action was taken on complaints made by Palestinian landowners since 1982 underlines the occupation authorities' tacit support for the racket. The major reason behind the newly launched legal action, which threatens to reveal the connection of a "key political figure" with the deals, appears to be prompted by the increasing number of complaints filed by Jewish settlers who thought they had become landowners after the deals.

According to reports reaching here, most of the 200 complaints collected by a "special investigator" since 1983 are from Arabs who had been the victim of the well-organised network which had access to key Israeli government stationery in addition to skilled personnel to forge signatures.

The "special investigator" is reported to have collected highly valuable information and documents pointing out to the existence of the network, but it was

not until six months ago, when the number of Jewish settlers' complaints increased considerably, that a special unit was set up to investigate the cases.

The Arab complaints had also said that Palestinian landowners in the West Bank were also subjected to threats and violence to force them to sell their lands to Jews. There had been numerous occasions of Jews beating up entire Palestinian families and demanding that they should either sell their land to Jews or face further violence. Israeli police offered little, if any, protection to those who dared to file a complaint.

Threats scrawled on walls, merciless killing of animals owned by

Arahs and continued harassment in the neighbourhood are some of the methods used to force the Palestinians to agree to sell their ancestors' land and leave their homeland.

The drive to increase Jewish ownership of Arab lands and "redeem" the "occupied territories" reached its peak during the reign of the Begin government in late 1970s and early 1980s.

Prompted by the realisation of the aims of the Israeli drive, Jordan imposed death penalty on sellers of Palestinian lands to Jews in the occupied territories. A num-

ber of people have been tried and convicted, most of them in absentia, by the Jordanian military court on charges of treason.

An Israeli court has remanded three Jews in connection with fraudulent land sales in the West Bank. The three are suspected on large-scale forgery of Palestinian landowners' signatures in land sale and purchase documents.

Defence lawyers contend that the three are "small fry" in the racket, which, they say, was run by political figures. Once the role of the politicians are exposed, a major political scandal would erupt, the lawyers told the court

last week.

The name of a key Israeli political leader involved in the case had been given to the court but no action has been taken to bring him to book, the lawyers were quoted as saying by the Jerusalem Post. The Post also quoted the prosecutor as saying that grave suspicions concerning the "senior figure", whose name was not revealed, exist and that police had sufficient evidence against him.

The chief of police, the governor of the Bank of Israel and a senior Justice Ministry official are to appear before a Knesset (parliament) committee to explain why they had taken no action on earlier findings of "improper" lands deals in the occupied territories.

According to another report in the Jerusalem Post, the "special investigator" assigned to the case in 1983 did in fact submit his findings and evidence to the then inspector general, who ordered a special squad to further investigate the cases. But, the evidence did not go further than the inspector general, the Post said.

The Post report also implicates an unidentified "Arab millionaire" in the case. It implies that he acted as the Arab purchaser of land from Palestinian owners and resold the land to Jews at 10 times the purchase price.

It appears that most of the land involved belongs to non-resident Palestinians of the West Bank. Most of them work in the Gulf or outside the Middle East region

and upon return to their homes they would find out that there were other "legal" claimants to their property.

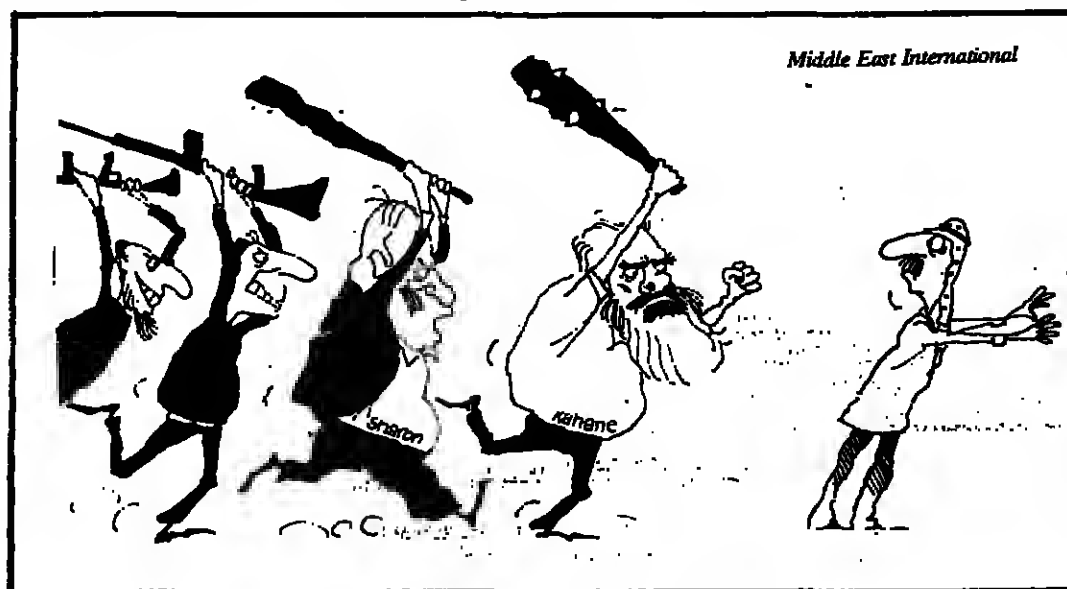
A land dealer could get as much as \$5,000 for a dunum of land originally purchased for 500 during the 1978-1983 monetary boom resulting from inflationary economies, the Post says.

The company selling the land was invariably registered in a town in the West Bank, where, until 1984, land sales were not subject to taxes, thus enabling speculators to make large tax-free profits.

Another feature of the newly emerging scandal is rumours of involvement of Knesset members and senior ministry officials, sometimes ministers themselves, in deals involving false claims of government schemes in parcelled lands. Many Jews, hoping to own homes through "government-guaranteed" schemes, invested money in projects, which were claimed to be owned by contractors but approved by concerned ministries, only to find themselves cheated, according to reports.

However, the cases involving forged signatures of Arab landowners seem to have a number of unexplained elements and it remains to be seen whether the true facts will ever come to light, according to an informed West Bank landowner who travels frequently to the East Bank.

The writer is on the staff of the Jordan Times.



## Spaniards fears of military coup disappear

By Francois Raitberger

Reuter

MADRID — Less than three years ago "El Golpe" (the coup) was a phrase obsessing Spaniards, but today speculation about a military takeover has all but disappeared.

When the Socialists came to power in November 1982, the country buzzed with rumours about "El Golpe" and its variations, "Golpistas" and "Golpismo" (coup mongers and coup mongering).

Spain was divided between a large majority that feared a coup and a small minority that wanted to turn the clock back to the days of the late dictator Francisco Franco.

That the issue is no longer a significant public concern may be the Socialist government's clearest success.

Diplomats, while not ruling out

the remote possibility of a short-lived rebellion by a Francoist die-hard, are sceptical. "The chances (of a coup) are negligible. This democracy works," an experienced defence attaché said.

Diplomats and officials say the transition to democracy, which began after Franco's death almost 10 years ago, was completed with the Socialists' clear election victory.

When they came to power, Spain was reeling under the shock of an abortive 1981 coup and the discovery of an election eve plot for a bloody military takeover.

Journalists who had written articles against "El Golpe" used to carry their passport and a large sum of money in case they had to dash into exile.

Some reporters used to drive at night to the headquarters of a key armoured division near Madrid to check from a vantage point that

tanks were not being readied to roar into the city.

They now laugh off the memories as a bad joke. They agree that a page has been turned and the new chapter in Spanish history has little to do with its tragic civil war past.

Diplomats and defence ministry officials say the armed forces no longer meddle in politics because of increasing technical demands made on them.

"The military has returned to its original vocation: It is doing its job and no longer has time to watch its belly button," a Western diplomat said.

Spain's entry into NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation) has put its military in contact with other, better-equipped forces.

Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez, who promised a referendum to take Spain out of NATO during

his election campaign, has now come out in favour of continued membership. The government has embarked on wide-ranging plans to bring the Spanish forces into line with the more modern European ones.

Large investments are being made in new weaponry. The emphasis in military academies is shifting from tradition to technology. Military units placed by Franco around big cities to watch the "internal enemy" are being moved to frontier areas.

The army is being reduced from 230,000 to 170,000 men and the top-heavy officer corps is being cut.

Diplomats noted that age had eliminated top-ranking officers who fought alongside the Nazis on the Russian front in World War II and who regarded the Socialists as Bolsheviks.

Some also saw the strength of

the government, backed by an absolute majority in parliament, as a major factor in persuading the military to toe the line. "The military only want to take power in a vacuum. This government does not rule," one said.

Since coming to power, the government has sacked several top officers who had demanded the release of jailed coup plotters or made public-political pronouncements.

Guerrilla killings of senior military officers, which used to send jitters through the country and was partly the cause of the attempted 1981 coup, have lost their impact.

There was no talk of a coup when Basque separatists killed a top defence ministry official, vice-admiral Fausto Escrigas, last month.

"The armed forces do not want to get involved with counter-

guerrillas and fall into the terrorists' trap," a diplomat said. Guerrillas believe that by provoking the military into harsh repression, they could trigger a popular uprising.

Even the far right, once vocal in calling for a military takeover, seems to have lost hope.

The Neo-Fascist Party Fuerza Nueva (new force) disbanded after losing its only parliamentary seat, Juntas Espanolas (Spanish Juntas), the party set up last year to seek a comeback. Clearly hinted in its manifesto that the time of coups was past.

"All that was done before is becoming too costly and hardly effective," it said.

The far right will count its supporters next November for the 10th anniversary of Franco's death. "They cultivate the past, but have nothing to offer for the future," one diplomat said.

## ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

### Al Ra'i: Murphy's hopes need U.S. firmness

BEFORE LEAVING Amman for Washington, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy stated that he still hoped to chart a feasible and expeditious course for the peace process and not for just one meeting on a dialogue.

This statement means that the U.S. administration has not yet reached a defined decision on the venue and date for starting the projected dialogue between Washington and a Jordanian-Palestinian team.

In his press conference on Saturday, Prime Minister Zaid Rifai made it clear that he does not expect the American administration to reach a decision during Murphy's trip. Therefore, it will be immature to try to interpret Murphy's statement as having being negative, one should wait for the final reply from Washington.

Until then, it should be emphasised that Jordan remains committed to the call for an international conference which should be preceded by the projected dialogue as the prime minister pointed out at his press conference. It is clear, that the Jordanian course of action is sound, and should lead to genuine peace. What is required now is a positive American decision that is free of all Zionist pressures, expressing Washington's willingness to embark on meaningful steps leading to peace.

### Al Dustour: Jordan reaffirms pan-Arab commitment

WITH THE return of Mr. Richard Murphy to Washington the ball, in the current political exchanges, remains in the American court and the U.S. administration is expected to announce its clear position as Jordan and the PLO did during Murphy's trip to the region.

During his two stops in Jordan, Mr. Murphy was briefed on the developments in the region and on Jordan's clear position towards the peace process.

Prime Minister Zaid Rifai explained to the foreign media what has been discussed with Mr. Murphy and said that Jordan was firmly committed to peace, provided it comes at an international conference and provided that the PLO is a full partner in the negotiations.

Mr. Rifai also made it clear that Jordan can not substitute the PLO in any negotiations and cannot enter into direct negotiations or conclude a separate peace treaty with Israel. These statements, before the foreign press, make it crystal clear for all that Jordan is totally committed to the resolutions of the Fez Arab Summit and total support of the PLO, despite the negative stands of other parties in this region and the complicated and fast moving events.

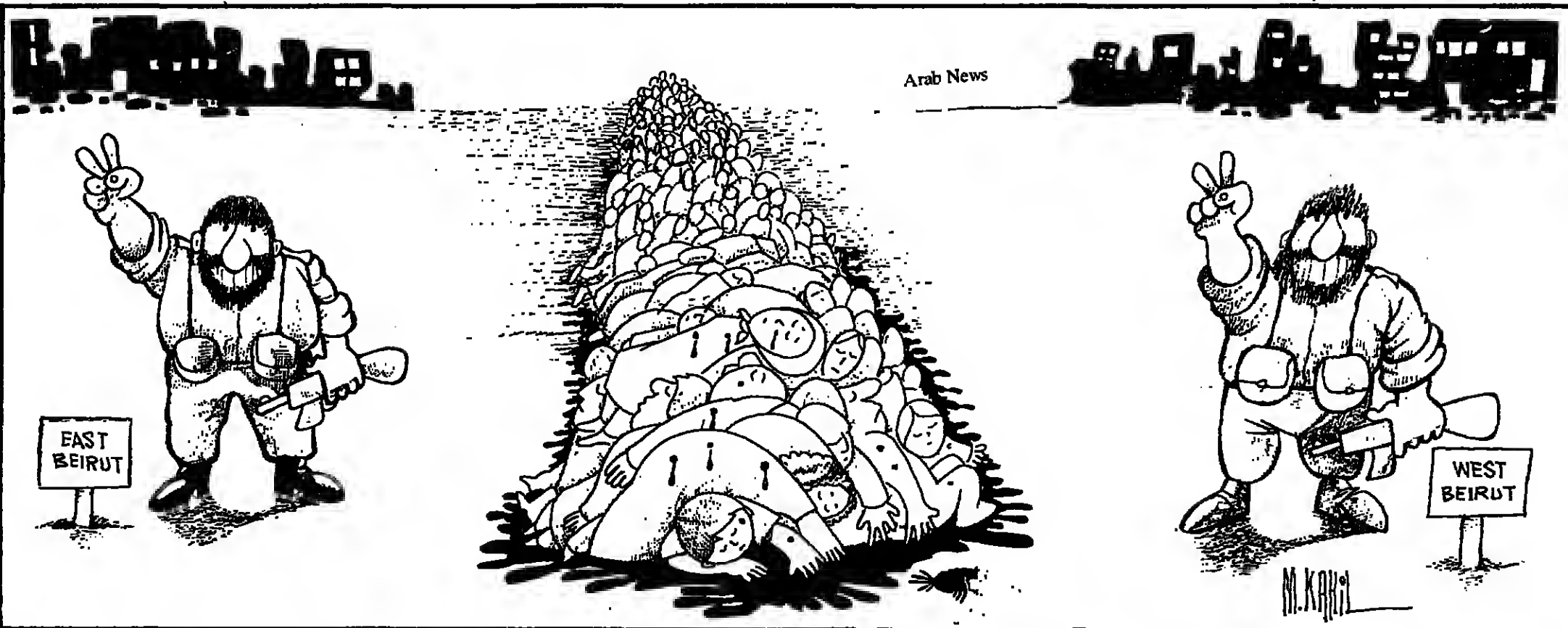
### Sawt Al Shaab: Government moves to revive economy

IN ITS drive to bolster the national economy, the cabinet last week took a number of decisions that would encourage production and increase exports. The cabinet decided to lift restrictions on industries, provide them with protection and facilities and offer them tax exemptions.

The cabinet also decided to offer incentives to exporters to help them market their products abroad with a view to earning much needed hard currency for Jordan.

The government is keen on reducing imports and increasing exports, and thus it introduced these measures to promote local industrial production and safeguard national interests.

These measures will no doubt help to adjust Jordan's balance of trade with foreign countries, create jobs for Jordanians at home and reduce the nation's dependence on foreign products.



## Pakistan's opposition leader returns home

LONDON — Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto will end 19 months of exile when she flies home Tuesday to bury her brother Shahnawaz.

Ms. Bhutto, 31, has spent that time running the banned Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) from a small apartment in a gaudy 41-storey block near London's financial district.

Visitors would find the heir apparent of the Bhutto dynasty surrounded by aides scurrying to do her bidding as she held court, but she lived far from most of her family.

Six years after the execution of her father, former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, France was home to her mother Nusrat, recovering from lung cancer, and her two brothers, Shahnawaz and Murtaza.

Even before Shahnawaz, 26, was found dead in mysterious circumstances at his apartment in Cannes on July 18, Ms. Bhutto had announced her intention of returning.

She said in an interview the day before he died that she planned to go home to lead a fresh campaign against General Mohammad Zia Ul Haq — the military ruler who overthrew her father in a coup and later had him hanged — and "take the country by storm or he taken by storm".

His death brought forward her return, though she has not said how long she will remain in Pakistan after she has buried her brother in the family graveyard at Larkana, Sind province.

When she arrived in London on January 13 last year after an unexpected decision by Zia to free her from 34 months in detention, Ms. Bhutto insisted she was not going into permanent exile.

"We are Pakistanis and we will go back to Pakistan," she said of herself and her widowed mother.

Ms. Bhutto had lived in Britain before, studying at Oxford University when her father was in power. Her fierce intelligence and quick wit won her the presidency of the Oxford Union Debating

Society. When she arrived last year, she was suffering from serious ear trouble and underwent mastoid surgery at a London hospital almost immediately.

Yet within a month of the operation she had assumed the position of acting chairman of the PPP from her invalid mother and was presiding over a meeting of the party's high command.

In April of last year she made her first public speech as leader of the PPP, telling 3,000 Pakistanis at a London rally that their time would come "to storm the Bastille" and restore democracy in Pakistan.

But Ms. Bhutto generally avoided rallies and marches during her time in London, preferring a more discreet role.

She became the figurehead of the 11-party Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD) and led a series of campaigns for the overthrow of Zia. In February this year she cam-

paigned vigorously for a boycott of what she termed a "sham" general election called by Gen. Zia.

Ms. Bhutto said she would have returned to contest the elections but had learned she would be arrested. She said last week she may face arrest this time, too.

Though some exiles charged that her absence from Pakistan meant she had lost control of the PPP and become irrelevant to developments there, aides said she kept closely in touch with events in her homeland through friends there.

She regularly issued statements about events inside Pakistan, disclosing evidence of the innocence of an executed dissident or proposing political moves.

Ms. Bhutto said Zia would always rule by force but her response, unlike that of Shahnawaz and her elder brother Murtaza, leaders of the Al Zulfikar guerrilla group, was to encourage a campaign of peaceful civil disobedience against the military regime.

## Catholics and Jews

By Philip Francis

LONDON — Zionists have reacted angrily to the newly published Vatican document on Christians and Jews, entitled *The Common Bond — the right approach to Catholic-Jewish relations*. It is published by the Pontifical Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, and is described as "notes for preaching and teaching."

Zionists claim the document fails to recognise the importance of Israel to Judaism, and that Christians should acknowledge their responsibility for the persecution of Jews, and for the Holocaust in particular. The Jerusalem Post has said: "This is not the document for the age of dialogue", and Sir Immanuel Jakobovits, Britain's chief rabbi, has said the document's reference to the Holocaust was "painfully casual" and lacked either an outright condemnation of anti-Semitism or a statement of remorse. "Even more disturbing is the continued denial to the Jewish state of both religious significance and of any formal recognition, an attitude now only shared by Arab, Communist and other hostile states."

The document states that "the existence of the state of Israel, and its political options, should be envisaged not in a perspective which is itself religious, but in its reference to the common principles of international law". Other Jewish sources have indicated that the chief rabbi has over-reacted, and "shown insufficient understanding of Roman Catholicism."

*The Common Bond* follows the second Vatican Council declaration on other major world religions, *De Nostra Aetate* ("In Our Age") promulgated in 1965, and *Guidelines on Religious Relations with Jews* (1974), both of which condemned all forms of anti-Semitism. The Vatican has repeatedly called for peace with justice in the Middle East. The Pope's Good Friday apostolic letter last year drew attention to "the natural right to justice" of the Palestinian people to homeland — Middle East International, London.



# Pella thrived during Bronze, Iron, Hellenistic Ages



Jack Hanbury-Tenison within one of the rooms of the Chalcolithic settlement he excavated at Pella.



Excavations of Iron Age levels and walls in Pella's east cut.

Situated at the crossing of two important trade and communication routes, Pella in the north Jordan Valley flourished for the past 8,000 years. Rami G. Khouri, who has been very closely following the excavations at Pella, reviews the findings. Following is part two of a four-part series of articles on archaeological discoveries at Pella.

**Text and Photos**  
By Rami G. Khouri  
Special to the Jordan Times

**PELLA** — In the Bronze Age (3200-1200 B.C.), a walled city existed at Pella as at many other sites in Jordan, though excavations have not yet reached the Early Bronze Age (3200-2050 B.C.) levels. Many Early Bronze Age pottery sherds, found on the surface of the main mound and in several excavated areas at Pella and nearby Jabal Sartaba, attest to the presence of a 4th/3rd Millennium B.C. city at Pella, which only future excavations can verify.

Excavated Middle and Late Bronze Age (2050-1200 B.C.) levels had substantial stone and mudbrick walls, domestic quarters and many fine tombs, representing the city mentioned in the 2nd Millennium B.C. Egyptian texts. Its inhabitants lived off industry, agriculture and trade, with luxury items confirming commercial and cultural contacts with Egypt, Syria and Cyprus.

Three main periods of MB/LB occupation, associated with architectural remains, have been identified to date in the deep "east cut", along the south side of the main mound at Pella. From the very end of the Middle Bronze Age and the beginning of the Late Bronze Age (mid-16th Century B.C.), a large east-west mudbrick wall on stone foundations separates two rooms. These yielded much MB/LB pottery, two intact saddle querns and a grinding stone, a spindle whorl, a bronze pin, a coch shell, and an enigmatic, highly stylized sculpture delicately worked from brown chert. Other Middle Bronze artifacts include cuneiform clay tablet fragments, gold thread and beads, and ivory plaque boxes.

## Bronze Age period

The Late Bronze II period (1400-1200 B.C.) is represented by two phases that include a massive stone wall thought to be the city fortification wall, other smaller walls made of mudbricks on stone bases, rooms connected by doorways, white plastered floors, a fire pit with the remains of at least two *tabuns* (bread ovens), an area of stone paving, and much LB pottery. One three-chambered 16th Century B.C. tomb excavated in 1984 produced over 2,000 pots and other objects from the MB/LB period.

After 1200 B.C. Pella disappears from the historical texts for some 900 years. But excavations on the main mound and in surrounding tombs have verified the existence of an Iron Age city which seems to have flourished during the 12/11th Centuries B.C. and again in the 8th/7th Centuries B.C.

## Excavations

Excavations in the east cut revealed a massive fortification wall, bits and pieces of domestic walls, stone-paved floors, courtyards, doors of domestic structures, large quantities of grain (barley and wheat), unbaked clay loom weights, basalt quern fragments, pottery, lamps, fragments of a calciferous alabaster vessel, heads, two four-sided clay cultstands, *tabuns*, and other evidence of an established, though not particularly well off, community. Two metre-thick debris levels from the Iron II period (918-587 B.C.) were excavated in the deep west cut.

Excavations in the west cut show the city's fortunes may have improved somewhat towards the end of the Iron Age, to judge by late Iron Age structures and artifacts from the 8th/7th Centuries B.C. These include pottery loom weights, bits of iron and bronze implements, pieces of worked bone, and ceramic kraters and cooking pans associated with tabuns. Some skimpy foundation walls, rooms and tabuns may represent a squatter occupation in the 6th Century B.C. Babylonian period.

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## Greek, Roman texts

The Greek historian Polybius, providing the earliest Greek text on the subject, recounts that by 218 B.C. Pella was important enough to be listed as one of the cities in Palestine/Transjordan conquered by the Seleucid leader Antiochus III. Historians writing later in the Roman and Byzantine periods, such as Appian, Stephanos Byzantios and Eusebius, also refer back to the city's founding in the early 4th Century B.C. in the early Hellenistic era, though they variously suggest that the city was founded by Alexander the Great, or Seleucus I.

The Hellenistic architectural evidence is mostly parts of domestic rooms and walls throughout the site. Finds of coins, glass, loom weights, moulded figurines, bone implements, iron and bronze cosmetics implements, lamps, bottles,



Phil Edwards excavates against the 16th century B.C. Middle Bronze Age stone city wall.

and fine imported pottery confirm that Hellenistic Pella minted its own money and traded widely with other centres throughout the eastern Mediterranean, including Rhodes and Asia Minor. There is much evidence of late Hellenistic occupation on the main mound, and on the north-east slope of Tell Husein. Excavations in the civic complex, next to the Wadi Jirm, also suggest this area had its origins in the Hellenistic period.

## Hellenistic fortresses

Two large Hellenistic fortresses have been discovered in the vicinity of Pella: one of Jabal Sartaba, 2.2 kilometres east-south-east of Pella along the Wadi Malawi, and another on Jabal Hamme, north-east of the city. They may have been built under Antiochus III to help protect the area against Arab tribes with whom he was at war.

The Jabal Sartaba fortress, on the highest spot in the vicinity, commands a sweeping view of the entire north Jordan Valley region,

including the Arab fortress at Ajlun and Mount Carmel on the Mediterranean Coast. With walls two metres thick and four large corner towers, it appears never to have been completed, or used militarily, for there are no traces of surfaces or interior partition walls inside it.

The Hellenistic city's fortunes were abruptly reversed in 83/82 B.C. when the Hasmonaean ruler of Palestine Alexander Jannaeus crossed the Jordan River and conquered Pella and other Hellenistic cities, including Gerasa (Jerash). The Roman period historian Josephus mentions that Alexander Jannaeus "destroyed" Pella, "because the inhabitants did not promise to change to the customs of the Jews..." Dr. Smith suggests the word "destroyed" should not be taken literally, for other ancient texts say that the city was once again in business only a few decades later. Dr. Smith prefers to see Alexander Jannaeus as having "captured and looted" Pella, probably imposing on it financial burdens and new religious dictates.

## Tracing the immigration of Arabs to America, their integration into society

*Becoming American*  
By Alixa Naff  
Published 1985.  
Reviewed by Joanne L. Nix

WASHINGTON — The immigration of Arabs to the United States from about 1800 to 1940 is a largely unfamiliar story to most Americans. But now a book is available which sheds light on the origins and adventures of Arab immigrants.

The book, "Becoming American — the Early Arab Immigrant Experience", published in July, is the result of Alixa Naff's curiosity about her Lebanese heritage. Her interest in Arab immigration to the United States began to take shape in the 1970's while she was doing research for scholarly articles.

Naff has concluded after extensive interviews that "the Syrian immigrants of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries did not fit the popular impression of economically, religiously, or politically displaced peasantry."

In the course of her research, she spoke to members of her own family as well as other immigrants and their descendants throughout the United States. She pored through volumes of books and records and finally concluded that although the Arab newcomers in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century were drawn from the lowest economic levels of society, they had not been driven from their homeland.

"They came voluntarily and enthusiastically," she writes. "Almost without exception the pioneers of the first phase and many in the second came with the intention of returning in no more than two or three years much wealthier and prouder than they came."

"Becoming American" is filled with tender anecdotes of the confusion some newcomers felt as

they became accustomed to the labour-saving devices and social mores of their new land. It is also a scholarly account, documenting the journeys of Arabic-speaking immigrants to the United States before World War II. But it focuses on the pre-World War I pioneering generation that set the patterns for settlement and assimilation. The book reveals that for these pioneers, peddling provided a firsthand introduction to American life.

This occupation enabled them to view new ideals and values at close range and it raised their expectations.

Known as Syrians — a cultural not a nationalistic reference since at the time there was no independent Syrian political entity with which to identify — these immigrants created peddling settlements around suppliers, usually veteran salesmen who supplied credit and acted as friends, counselors, protectors, and bankers.

By 1910 the Arab immigrants were living in small settlements in every state and territory of what was then the United States, including Alaska.

Naff attributes the rapid assimilation of Arab immigrants in the United States to their orientation toward success — a condition she said is compatible with the views of most Americans.

"The newcomers made sure their children succeeded," she said.

As she explains in the book: "The Syrian-Americans who went into the post-World War II period with many of their parents' values and traits usually dropped those which were not compatible with their own American perspectives. They raised their children according to local practices; they re-

laxed between 20,000 and 100,000 visitors a week, according to official estimates.

But this huge area covering 30,000 square metres, with 1,200 permanent stands kept by over 1,500 registered tradesmen and another 9,000 peddlars has very little to do with the 1885 bunch of ragmen who sold the contents of rubbish bins they had looted.

A hundred years ago, the Paris municipality pushed its rag-pickers outside its gates and they decided to settle down just north of the city limits, between the Porte de Saint-Quen and Porte de Clignancourt.

The market developed quickly because a great number of Parisians used to go to Saint-Quen for a stroll in the open air on Sundays

and to drink the delicious local wine.

The vineyard was destroyed at the beginning of the century, but the market continued to grow.

Its name evokes the old and dusty goods sold at Saint-Quen, whose fleas came as a bonus to the purchaser.

Gradually the ragmen and second-hand dealers of all kinds organised themselves into seven different markets which after the 1920s specialised in particular fields, from clothes to antique furniture, toys and clocks.

The last two markets, Serpette and Rue des Rosiers were created in the 1950s and specialise in art deco.

"Everything has changed in the last 30 years," said an elderly shop-keeper with a nostalgic

smile.

"We used to have shabby open sheds where rain poured in. It was pitiful. Now we're all right, we have proper roofs, heating in winter and even the telephone. It's luxury," she added.

But she said the approach to second-hand trade had also changed, as people who opened a stand a hobby found it was a hard, full-time job.

Officially, the market opens on Saturday at 7.30 a.m. but in fact all the interesting pieces are sold the previous day.

Professionals come at the crack of dawn and there is frantic bargaining by torch-light. By 10 a.m. on Friday most good objects have gone and the public gets only the leftovers, sold at higher prices than to trade customers.

in 1979 as she gathered material to be used in a project on Arab-Americans sponsored by the National Endowment and the National Centre for Urban Ethnic Affairs. She visited conferences and conventions interviewing Arab-Americans. She also spoke to members of her family who had settled in Canada and Mexico.

In the course of her travels she discovered that most of the younger members of the families she talked with were "so assimilated that the Middle East was as remote from their minds as China or Africa." In many cases she found much of the material she could have used had been discarded by younger family members. "There was hardly anything there," she said sadly.

But Naff has also discovered a hopeful trend. Although the third and fourth generations are considerably more remote from the culture of the first, some young people are experiencing a desire to explore their roots. Their curiosity has led them to turn to their parents and grandparents for anecdotes about their family history.

Naff's research for the book was funded in 1980 by the National Endowment for the Humanities, an agency of the U.S. federal government. Some of the illustrations in the book are taken from an exhibition of Arab memorabilia Naff and her brothers and sisters collected for an exhibition last year at the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of American History.

Naff has served as director of the National Association of Arab-Americans and as Project Director of the Arab-American Research Study for the National Centre for Urban Ethnic Affairs in Washington. At present she is preparing an article on the Arab immigrant experience focusing on the contribution of Arab women to American society — U.S. Information Agency

## Scientists see social side of pikas

By Joy Aschenbach

WASHINGTON — Unless you travel in high places, you probably won't come across the pika, a small grayish-brown mammal related to the rabbit, but with short, rounded ears, no visible tail, and no hop.

The best-known species, Ochotona princeps, popularly called rock rabbit or little chief hare, lives in boulder fields on mountain slopes in western North America, and is usually seen scurrying about gathering grasses into hushel-size haypiles for winter food. This solitary creature gives the pika its reputation as a loner.

A similar but little-known species inhabits grassy meadows nearly 11,000 feet up the Tibetan Plateau in China.

Ochotona curzoniana, the black-lipped pika, loves a crowd. Its different lifestyle — from feeding to breeding — is striking evidence of the effects of environment on behaviour.

## First study

Wildlife ecologist Andrew T. Smith of Arizona State University and psychologist Harriet J. Smith, his wife, last year became the first Western scientists to study the black-lipped pika.

They discovered a more sociable animal. "At least 50 times more social," Andrew Smith says. "The North American pika is almost as social as any mammal ever studied. This Asian species may be one of the most social of mammals."

In a lush meadow on the shore of Qinghai Lake in western China, Dr. Smith watched pikas roll noses, crawl all over each other and roll across the grass, sit side by side for long periods of time, playfully wrestle and box, groom each other, and frequently communicate vocally with a large repertoire of six or seven calls, whistles, and trills.

In the nine summers he spent observing the other pikas in the Sierra Nevada and Rocky Mountains, Smith witnessed almost no social contact among the animals, except during breeding season, and a limited repertoire of calls, primarily to signal territoriality or warn of predators. Vulnerable to predators, the pikas rarely ventured far from their niches in the rocks.

"There was nearly always something happening out on the meadow in China. A young juvenile pika would make a call, and three or four others would run up to it, almost mob it. Each pika would crawl on the back of the other and roll across the meadow," Dr. Smith reports.

Most of the calls were made by the young, and seemed purely social. Harriet Smith kept track of them and recorded about 1,800 sounds. "They captured her heart," her husband says.

Pikas live much closer together in China. The population density

averages 100 (up to 380) animals per hectare (2.5 acres), compared with only eight to 10 animals per hectare in the North American mountains.

## Pests on plateau

Pikas are so numerous that on the Tibetan Plateau they are considered a primary pest species, eating grass needed for yaks, sheep, and horses. Dr. Smith says. His study site, several miles from the village of Black Horse River, is one of the last accessible areas in which poison has not been heavily used for pest control.

The two scientists were allowed to work undisturbed. Tibetans were often grazing sheep and yaks on the same meadow. Sometimes, when the Smiths were sitting on the edge of a ravine observing the ear-tagged pikas through binoculars, three or four Tibetan boys would sit down next to them, watch, and over say a word.

For Dr. Smith, the biggest scientific surprise was the pikas' apparent monogamy, rare among mammals. "With the high density and flat meadow, why shouldn't the males mate with as many females as they can?" he wonders.

Instead, the pikas break into family groups of one male and one female. "This is a tremendous exception to the conventional mating-system theory. Similar mammals in similar habitats would be polygynous," Dr. Smith says.

He says he cannot yet explain the phenomenon, and plans further field study. His research is conducted in cooperation with the Northwest Plateau Institute of Biology in China.

## Young live apart

One reason black-lipped pikas may stay in social family groups, Dr. Smith says, is their burrow habit, similar to ground squirrels. The North American pikas are individually territorial: male and female have separate turf. The young live on the territory, but far apart.

The pikas in China also have more litters per year — and larger ones, double the size of their North American relatives. Because of more favourable climate, they can obtain food year-round and do not have to store it in hay-piles.

Pikas probably originated in Asia and came across the vast Bering land bridge, which linked Siberia and North America millions of years ago. The name "pika" is an Eastern Siberian tribal word that mimics a sound the animal makes. Fifteen or 16 species of pika are found today in Asia; the only other two are in North America.

Of his China research, says Dr. Smith, "I was amazed to see pikas that look almost identical to the ones I knew in the Rockies behave so differently." — National Geographic feature.



Small enough to rest in the palm of the hand this young black-lipped pika lives on a meadow nearly 11,000 feet high on the Tibetan Plateau in China. Wildlife ecologist Andrew T. Smith, the first Western scientist to study the mammal, discovered a much more social creature than its better-known N. American relatives (National Geographic Society photo)

## Austrian wine tragedy stirs old resentments

By Regina Margoth

Reader

VIENNA — A major Austrian scandal over wine doctored with a toxic chemical used in anti-freeze has revived longstanding resentments between Austrians and Germans.

Agriculture Minister Haiden hinted that West German bottlers might have themselves put diethylene-glycol, which can cause renal and kidney damage, into Austrian wines.

"What was illegally done here can also happen abroad, in West Germany, too," Mr. Haiden said. Austria had clamped down on those who exported tankers full of contaminated wine, he added.

A top weekly magazine, the Independent Wochenpresse, said: "The West German smear campaign recalls the worst clichés about Austria."

Even intellectuals there thought of Austrians as "sly Alpine or Danube idiots living on the threshold of the Balkans", the paper said in a recent commentary.

"Many West Germans still think of Austrians as sloppy, complacent rascals who soft-soaped their way to their (1955) state treaty and since then have cunningly steered their neutral state around the cliffs of history," it said.

Germans could never forgive the Austrians for having tried to make the world believe that Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler was German and composer Ludwig Van Beethoven Austrian, it said.

Austrian government officials and the media were quick to accuse West Germany of deliberately launching a campaign against its southern neighbour to gain a bigger market share.

The scandal assumed international dimensions after West Germany warned the public not to drink Austrian wines and impounded millions of litres (gallons) of wine laced with diethylene-glycol, two-and-a-half months after the news broke here last April.

Adulterated Austrian wines have since been found in several countries, some as far afield as Hong Kong.

The scandal provoked a row between Bonn and Vienna about who was responsible for the delay in action.

The Bonn Health Ministry accused the Vienna authorities of not having been informed in time. Vienna rejected this, saying it was out its fault if West German officials apparently failed to pass on information about the affair.

Austrians gloated when reports emerged that some West German wines also contained glycol. Germans retorted that this was just a result of using contaminated Aus-

## Paris 'flea market' is 100 years old and thriving

By Irina Bosny-Ghica

Reader

PARIS — At the respectable age of 100, the Paris 'flea market' is alive and well and thriving.

The Marche Aux Puces, the highest second-hand market in the world, has never enjoyed greater interest or more customers, claiming more visitors every year than the Palace of Versailles.

This is partly due to a revival of interest in antiques in the United States whose high dollar rate enables Americans to come in thousands and buy beautiful rare pieces at what for them are bargain prices, a stakeholder said.

Open to the public on Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays, the Marche Aux Puces, one of Paris' sightseeing landmarks, attracts

between 20,000 and 100,000 visitors a week, according to official estimates.

But this huge area covering 30,000 square metres, with 1,200 permanent stands kept by over 1,500 registered tradesmen and another 9,000 peddlars has very little to do with the 1885 bunch of ragmen who sold the contents of rubbish bins they had looted.

A hundred years ago, the Paris municipality pushed its rag-pickers outside its gates and they decided to settle down just north of the city limits, between the Porte de Saint-Quen and Porte de Clignancourt.

The market developed quickly because a great number of Parisians used to go to Saint-Quen for a stroll in the open air on Sundays

and to drink the delicious local wine.

The vineyard was destroyed at the beginning of the century, but the market continued to grow.

Its name evokes the old and dusty goods sold at Saint-Quen, whose fleas came as a bonus to the purchaser.

Gradually the ragmen and second-hand dealers of all kinds organised themselves into seven different markets which after the 1920s specialised in particular fields, from clothes to antique furniture, toys and clocks.

The last two markets, Serpette and Rue des Rosiers were created in the 1950s and specialise in art deco.

"Everything has changed in the last 30 years," said an elderly shop-keeper with a nostalgic



## Nigeria dethrones Kenya, wins Cairo championships

CAIRO (R) — The fourth African Athletics Championships, the biggest since their inauguration in 1979, ended here Sunday night with Nigeria the unexpected victors.

Kenya, who won the title in 1979, 1982 and 1984, were relegated to second place with seven gold medals, four less than Nigeria's haul of 11.

Kenya's head coach Michael Koskei was philosophical about the result. "It was a good competition, perhaps the best. We prepared as well as we could but others, it seems, did better," he said.

"The most important thing is that we made inroads into the sprints. Having achieved this, we will now go home and develop potential throwers for the next championships," Koskei added.

Kenya, traditionally the dominant force in middle distances and the steeplechase, won the 200

metres final Sunday night when Simon Kipkemboi pipped Nigerian innocent Egumike, who has the African mark for this race. Kipkemboi clocked 20.82 seconds, a mere 0.03 of a second faster than the Nigerian.

The Kenyans also beat Nigeria in the men's 4x400 relay Sunday night, an event for which Nigeria won an Olympic bronze last year in Los Angeles behind the United States and Britain.

Kenyan women also maintained supremacy over the middle distances, while the Nigerians reduced their rivals in the sprints to also-runs.

Officials of the African Athletics Confederation (CAA) said Monday that athletes who won gold medals in individual events had each been invited to join the African team competing for the World Cup in Australia next October.

They said absentees at the Cairo championships would not take part in the prestigious event. These included Olympic champions Said Aouita of Morocco and Kenyan Julius Korir among several other impressive athletes.

"There is no way we can include those who have not shown up for the African championships. It is final," one official said.

The organisers, meanwhile, chose another Olympic champion from Morocco, hurdler Nawal Al Moutawakil, as the best woman athlete of the championships.

Senegalese Amadou Dia Ba, who won a gold medal in the 400 metres hurdles, took the men's title of best athlete.

## Pintor grabs WBC super-bantamweight title

MEXICO CITY (R) — Mexican Guadalupe Pintor Sunday grabbed the World Boxing Council (WBC) super-bantamweight title from countryman Juan 'Kid' Meza after a 12-round battle.

The all-Mexican panel of judges unanimously gave the fight to Pintor in a decision cheered by the 12,000 spectators at Mexico City's Sports Palace.

After a cautious first four rounds, it looked all over in the fifth when Pintor came out of his corner throwing deadly punches to Meza's head and body, downing the defending champion with a vicious right to the head.

He kept up the punishment with a whole array of punches and sent Meza to the canvas once more before the round ended.

But Meza appeared to have absorbed the blows and came out looking lively in the next round, landing some effective left jabs to the head which opened a cut over

Pintor's right eye.

For the next two rounds Meza concentrated on left jabs to Pintor's eye. But the challenger, showing better speed and skill, opened cuts on Meza's right eyebrow and mouth.

Any doubt about the outcome evaporated in the 10th round when Pintor floored Meza in the first minute with a fierce uppercut. For the rest of the round he continued to deliver telling blows and Meza staggered around the ring defending himself as best he could.

Again Meza demonstrated great courage in the final two rounds, hitting out at Pintor who continued to blast away with fearsome lefts to the head.

After the fight Meza, 27, defending the title for the second time since he took it from Jaime Garza of the United States in November 1984, was examined by a doctor who ordered him to rest.

## Green wins golf tourney

GRAND BLANC, Michigan (R) — American Ken Green, two strokes back at the turn, fired four straight birdies Sunday to come from behind to win the \$81,000 first place prize of the Grand Blanc men's golf tournament.

Green, who had not won a tournament on the tour in four years, finished with a final round five-under-par 67 for a tournament record total of 20-under-par 268.

Green trailed Australian Wayne Grady by two shots with nine holes to play, but his chip-in birdie on the 11th hole started a four-hole streak that took him to a four-shot win over Grady.

"I've been waiting for this for a long time, ever since I've been sneaking on golf courses as a kid without paying greens fees. I've dreamed about this," Green said. "No matter what happens in the future, I can say I won the PGA tour and that's not an easy thing to do."

Grady came out strong with birdies on four of the first five holes, but he ran out of steam on the back nine, coming home in

two-over par 38 to finish with a 70 Sunday and a four-day total of 16-under-par 272.

"The first five holes are the hardest on the course, so I was off to a great start," said Grady. "I have no excuse, I just played bad on the back side."

He won \$48,600 for second place.

Mac O'Grady, with a final-round 68, was third with 274 overall.

Green's 20 under beat by three strokes the record set here last year by American Denis Watson. The final round was delayed several hours by rain.

## Soviet Union looks forward to World Cup clash with U.S.

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet athletics team, fresh from their European Cup triumph Sunday, look forward now to their clash with the United States in October's World Cup in Canberra.

The Soviet men's and women's teams upset the usually all-conquering East Germans in the biennial cup Sunday by narrow but convincing margins.

East Germany had won the men's competition for the past five years while the East German women had been even more dominant, losing only the first two contests since the cup began in 1965.

Now the Soviet Union can look forward to the World Cup, the major competition in this post-Olympic year.

Europe will be represented in

Canberra by the Soviet Union and East Germany, who finished runners-up in both categories, together with a composite team from the rest of Europe.

Athletics officials confirmed before the two-day European Cup began that the combined team could be selected from any European nations, not just the other six taking part in the final, so it could prove a powerful rival to the United States.

A preliminary American team was announced in June, including leading Olympians such as sprinter Kirk Baptiste and steeplechaser Henry Marsh, but the list is expected to undergo a number of changes after the final stage of the inaugural Grand Prix circuit.

American athletics sources said there was a strong possibility that

Carl Lewis, winner of four gold medals at the Los Angeles Olympics, could take part in the Grand Prix final in Rome on Sept. 7.

They said Lewis would then steer his season towards the World Cup which would almost certainly guarantee its commercial success.

The remaining teams in the World Cup will be sides representing the Americas, Africa, Oceania and Asia.

The twin Soviet victories Sunday were due to their enviable depth of talent in both track and field events which proved just too much for East Germany.

But as much interest for the spectators was provided by a number of compelling individual performances which took place against the backdrop of the Soviet-East German struggle.

## Cuban champ ends absence

HAVANA (R) — Cuba's Tofilo Stevenson, who is generally regarded as the greatest amateur boxer of all time, will return to the international arena after a year's absence in the Spartacus games which begin in Warsaw Tuesday.

Stevenson, who once turned down a \$1 million offer to leave Cuba and turn professional, missed out on a chance to win a fourth Olympic gold medal when the Cubans joined the boycott of the 1984 games in Los Angeles.

Having outclassed all his opponents in last month's Cuban national championships, Stevenson, 33, is expected to compete in next year's world championships.

## McEnroe defeats Lendl

MONTREAL (R) — American John McEnroe took advantage of Ivan Lendl's three double faults in the eighth game of the second set Sunday to propel him to a 7-5, 6-3 victory over the second-seeded Czechoslovakian in the finals of the Canadian men's tennis championships.

It was the second time in as many weeks that McEnroe, who won 51,000 Canadian dollars for successfully defending his title Sunday, has defeated Lendl in straight sets for a tournament victory.

In their past 24 matches, McEnroe had been the chief aggressor, charging on nearly every second

serve of Lendl's. But Sunday, Lendl did not permit such a tactic because he attacked the net on his own second serve.

"I did something I never did before except on grass. I served and volleyed a lot of almost every first serve and about one third of my second serves," said Lendl, who won 25,500 Canadian dollars.

Indeed, although he was getting just 55 per cent of his first serves in play, Lendl still managed to win points on 24 of his 38 trips to the net.

McEnroe, who broke Lendl in the 12th game of the first set and again in the eighth game of the

second set, said: "I was not able to attack his second serve as well as I wanted. I couldn't hit it as hard or place it as well as I wanted."

"I don't think it was one of the best matches we've played," he added.

That was partly due to the wind and glare from the sun and also because McEnroe, also, was getting in only 60 per cent of his first serves.

The match was marred by questionable officiating, particularly in the key 12th game of the first set, when Lendl received a warning after furiously protesting when a forehand pass was called long.

Three games later, on the first breakpoint for Lendl, another disputed call made him so angry he sat down and refused to continue. The tournament supervisor came on court and the point was replayed after the two had a short discussion.

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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES			
LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Monday.			
One sterling	1.3970/80	U.S. dollars	
One U.S. dollar	1.3538/43	Canadian dollars	
	2.7635/50	West German marks	
	3.1110/25	Dutch guilders	
	2.2630/45	Swiss francs	
	55.95/56.00	Belgian francs	
	8.4450/500	French francs	
	1851/1853	Italian lire	
	236.58/68	Japanese yen	
	8.2500/550	Swedish crowns	
	8.1675/725	Norwegian crowns	
	10.0000/50	Danish crowns	
One ounce of gold	338.80/339.30	U.S. dollars	

## Platinum price jumps to pull level with gold

LONDON (R) — Platinum pulled level with gold for the first time since mid 1984 in the London market Monday, continuing its sharp rally on concern over unrest in South Africa, dealers said.

Platinum jumped nearly \$20 by early afternoon to be quoted at \$340.50 an ounce, level with gold. It closed at \$321 on Friday when gold ended at \$339.15. In early July platinum traded at more than \$50 an ounce below gold.

Dealers said a wave of buying in Europe, including large investor demand, sent prices higher in volatile trading.

Platinum has risen more sharply than gold in recent weeks because it is more susceptible to fears of disruptions to South African supplies.

South Africa mines up to 90 per cent of the non-communist world's platinum but only around 60 per cent of its gold.

Wall Street brokers Shearson Lehman Bros forecast South African platinum production this year at around 74.6 tonnes out of total non-communist mine production of 80.3 tonnes and gold at 688 tonnes out of 1,190 tonnes.

Dealers said platinum could now rise to command a premium over gold despite considerable resistance at current levels.

### YOUR DAILY Horoscope

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**FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1985**

**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** Despite the fact that early in the morning you may feel emotionally or physically dragged out, you find that you have all sorts of good ideas.

**ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)** Situations arise in connection with worldly affairs that can work to your benefit, so be on the alert for them.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)** You can make fine progress in any kind of work that requires precision and accuracy. Handle any health problems.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)** Discuss entertainment matters with your friends and make plans for the future. Then get your talents working like a charm.

**MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21)** A good day to come to a better understanding at home if there has been any trouble there lately.

**LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21)** Find out who can help you the most in routines and gain their cooperation quickly. Handle communications well.

**VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)** You can handle partnership matters very well, especially where finances are concerned.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)** You can have quiet relations with friends and allies. You can gain personal aims easily so go after them in a positive fashion.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)** Being alone with the one you love can bring far greater understanding between you now. Keep busy and active.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** Taking time to see good friends you have not seen lately can revitalize the relationships.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)** Study whatever occurs in the outside world, for this will be helpful in present activities. Show appreciation.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)** Study every detail of expansionary plans you have and then you can meet with real success.

**PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20)** Your intuitive faculties are working fine today and tonight so sit still for a while and let them come.

**IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY...** he or she will be able to tune into the fundamental needs of others and will do everything possible to try to help them attain their wishes. Add humanitarian courses to the regular curricula for possible work in such fields in later life.

## Izvestia endorses free enterprise experiment

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet government newspaper Izvestia gave a glowing report Sunday to an economic experiment which has injected a dose of free enterprise into the country's inefficient services sector.

The report indicated that the new leadership under Mr. Mikhail Gorbachev was looking to private initiative as one way to satisfy consumer complaints in such areas as home repairs, television maintenance and hairdressing.

It came as a surprise since Mr. Gorbachev's aides, while calling for greater efficiency and better services, have ruled out any loosening of the rigid system of central planning.

Izvestia said 17-20 million people were "moonlighting" — doing a second, illegal, job — to carry out services which the state failed to provide. These repairmen did annual business worth five to six billion roubles (\$6 to \$7 billion) or as much as the state sector.

Their vast illegal enterprise, known in Russian as "working on the left", could not be stamped out, Izvestia said.

The government newspaper pointed to an experiment in the Soviet republic of Estonia where repairmen were allowed to keep the profits of their labour.

Local authorities in the city of Tallinn leased a television and radio repair shop to workers there at the start of the year, with orders to finance themselves and share the takings.

"Previously, it took about two weeks to repair a television set. Now it takes three days at the most and a client can often collect his set the same day," the report said.

Spurred by profits, the workers hired a van to drum up more business, fired a rude receptionist who turned away clients, and were planning to branch out into video cassette recorders.

Such service would seem like paradise to Muscovites. They complain that cars taken to state garages are likely to emerge in poorer shape than before, with their food parts stripped and sold by the mechanics "on the left".

Workers in state repair shops are required to carry out a fixed level of business, but get little incentive for speed or quality. They prefer to work illegally for private clients.

The official press has long denounced the moonlighters — known as "Shabashniki" — since they use materials stolen from the state when they are paid by the state to do other work.

Sunday's Izvestia article took a radical new line, saying it was unrealistic to stamp out the "Shabashniki" or to expect the state to step into their shoes.

It said the workers at the Tallinn repair shop increased their productivity by 10 to 15 per cent and had saved on parts and labour as it was in their interest to do so.

"You only have to talk a little with the leader and workers at the repair shop to see that they are the true masters of their output," it said.

The Soviet constitution permits "individual labour in handicrafts, farming (and) the provision of services for the public," but it is rare to find private repair shops operating legally.

Soviet commentators have dismissed Western speculation that Communist Party leader Mr. Gorbachev might be heading towards the economic liberalisation seen in communist Hungary or China in his drive to speed up industry and improve living standards.

Pravda attacks party chief

Meanwhile, Pravda, the official Kremlin daily, Monday delivered a scathing attack on the party chief of a southern Soviet republic for allowing the region's five-year agricultural plan to fall well short of its target.

In a lengthy report, Pravda blamed the first secretary of the Turkmenistan Communist Party, Mr. Mukhamednazar Gapurov, and other senior men for lack of control of the local economy.

"While party control was weakening, certain party leaders have been boasting and giving themselves airs, without any reason to," it said.

Pravda said the republic had achieved only 87 per cent of its five-year-plan target. While investment in the area had increased, crop yields had fallen, it added.

The paper called for a complete overhaul in the republic's agricultural management. Mr. Gapurov, 63, has been party boss of the mainly desert republic, which borders Iran, for over 15 years.

Last March, the prime minister of Turkmenistan and a district party chief were demoted as part of a nationwide drive to replace long-standing party officials with newer faces.

## Only few makers of electrical appliances may survive

LONDON — Two parallel production lines run deep into the Candy washing machine factory at Brugherio, outside Milan.

On the right, teams of men manhandle, flex, punch, crimp and weld the drum assemblies. On the left a row of robots is doing exactly the same job.

Before the automations came, 1,200 men produced 1,800 washing machines a day. Now 480 men and 57 robots make 2,200.

Candy may not be the highest, the best known, or even the most efficient of Europe's domestic appliance makers. But the scenes in its factories illustrate perfectly the process of change and the financial pressures haunting the industry across the continent.

The 300-odd European companies fighting for increased shares of a stagnant market are already in the throes of a shake-out.

On present trends, after the process of absorption and extermination now under way, there will be four to five major international companies left in Europe with perhaps the same number of "niche" producers in each country producing for local or specialist needs.

Those with the nerve to bet on the outcome suggest that the international survivors — despite many difficulties, not all of which are connected with appliances — will be Electrolux-Zanussi, representing Italy, Philips-Bauknecht in a Dutch-West German combine, Thomson-Brandt of France and the Bosch-Siemens joint production company with AEG-Telefunken representing West Germany.

There is, however, the occasional dissenting voice. Mr. Sinclair Thomson, managing director of the British TI Group's successful appliance division, remains to be convinced.

"Look at the big ones. Most are not making money," he says. "You can form aggregations, shed capacity and improve profitability. What happens then? The better profits attract new competition and it starts all over again."

Most industry leaders suggest that Europe will follow the U.S.

where the number of washing machine makers has fallen from 60 to five in the past 25 years.

Mr. Vern Ketchum, vice-president of White Consolidated Industries of Michigan, recently pointed out the remarkable similarities between the pressures now affecting Europe and those which forced restructuring in the U.S. and left the market dominated by Whirlpool, GE/Hotpoint, Maytag and White Consolidated.

— Rapid expansion in output during the post-war boom which ended in the 1970s, resulting in over-capacity as markets matured.

— Little or no attention paid to marketing.

— Too little new investment in research, new products and plant.

— Changes in the structure of distribution. Independent dealers faded and powerful multiples took over, stealing the price initiative from the makers and forcing further cuts in margins.

**Italy comes first**

Any examination of Europe needs to start in Italy, still the home of the third biggest major appliance industry in the world, ranking only behind the U.S. and Japan in output.

With the domestic market saturated, Italian manufacturers depend heavily on exports into the rest of Europe. According to Sig. Peppino Fumagalli, managing director of Candy, the 50,000 people employed by Italian appliance companies manufacture about 20 per cent of total European Community (EC) white goods output.

In Italy, as elsewhere, there is over-capacity.

About 4 million of the 30 million appliances made in Europe each year remain unsold, and almost two-thirds of these bear the made in Italy mark. And steadily rising output in Spain and Eastern Europe threatens even greater over-capacity in the future.

Zanussi, the leading Italian maker, now seems to be safe in the Electrolux clinic, and taking regular doses of what the new owners

call "Swedish pragmatism and financial rigour".

The new management is cutting a swathe through the labour force, which numbered 32,000 in 1983. The latest agreement on redundancies will bring the total down to 14,000 by 1988. An initial four-year, £120 million investment programme is already under way.

But Indesit — number two in the Italian rankings, close to bankruptcy in 1980 and still struggling — continues to look for a saviour. Only recently the company sacked and replaced its entire board, and revealed a worst-case loss of 106 billion Italian lire (\$56 million) for 1984.

Shunned by Candy — "We are not interested in huge volumes," says Mr. Fumagalli — the company and its agents have hawked a partnership prospectus around most of the other European manufacturers and have approached the remaining handful of U.S. appliance makers. Sig. Mario Nobili, the outgoing chairman, said recently that negotiations with a potential rescuer had reached a promising stage.

It is now accepted all over Europe that simple economies of scale are not enough. Such advantages, and the innovation and relatively cheap labour on which Italy's past successes were founded, have faded. The recession has proved a great leveller, to the extent that labour in parts of Britain now costs 30 per cent less than in northern Italy.

All the main European markets are mature, if not saturated. Most sales are replacements. Consumers are more educated and sophisticated. Competition based on price alone has brought the Italians and others to the brink of calamity even while they have increased market share.

By far the most significant event of the shake-out so far has been the takeover last year of Zanussi by Electrolux, which gave the Swedish group about a 25 per cent share of the total European appliance business.

Mr. Anders Scharp, group president, said recently in London that the company had two aims:

Market dominance and volume output built up on a cost structure comparable with that of competitors with large domestic markets.

Mr. Scharp also offered a clear warning of the company's intentions when he admitted that Electrolux's business is "somewhat lopsided". Scandinavia still accounts for 33 per cent of Electrolux appliance sales, he explained, compared with only 30 per cent in the much larger West European market.

While the Swedes are rattling many a nerve, not everyone believes that Electrolux will find the going easy. For example, the Swedish came — in a sector where brand familiarity can be as important as the product — is not particularly well known in some parts of Europe.

Philips, probably the only true multi-national in the group of major survivors, occupies strong positions in all the main appliance markets in Europe.

"Philips becomes a naturalised citizen wherever it goes or where it acquires a new company," says one competitor.

Its main policy is keeping its own house in order, an approach reflected in the concentration of acquisitions in the Italian refrigerator market, the recent closure of refrigerator capacity in West Germany, and the impending shut-down of its washing machines works in Halifax, Yorkshire.

Each national market presents its own set of problems. France, dominated by Thomson-Brandt which has 40 per cent of the Washing machine market, is strongly nationalistic when it comes to buying appliances.

In West Germany, Zanussi already supplies appliances for selling under the Quelle brand. This label shares with Miele the top position in the washing machine market and has a clear lead in refrigerators.

In Germany, top brands tend to be German, at least in name.

Quelle, Miele, Siemens and AEG between them account for more than 60 per cent of the washing machine market.

With a strong reputation for reliability, German companies have established a hold at the top end of most markets in Europe. AEG, Bosch-Siemens and Miele between them account for 15 to 20 per cent of the total European washing machine market.

Britain, meanwhile, is a special case.

The British household has curious and contrary habits, some of which have made life difficult for home and overseas suppliers.

British washing machines, for example, are used twice as often as in some other parts of Europe. And exporters have suffered nightmares adapting their ovens to the arcane specifications necessary for the successful banking of fairy cakes and Yorkshire pudding.

Most challenging of all for the importers, however, is the awesome power of British retailers, which, so far, is not matched anywhere else on the continent.

While the big British chains like MFI helped the overseas suppliers become established when they launched their main thrust into the U.K., they now have many importers and even domestic manufacturers in a stranglehold. Their mighty bulk-ordering power — they take many thousands of appliances, at a time — is used as a lever on price.

They also demand and get hefty contributions to advertising budgets.

A survey of the top 250 advertisers in the U.K. last year showed MFI moving up from 27th to 19th place with a budget of £16.5 million (\$22.7 million). "That's our money," complained one aggrieved importer. The first major appliance brand to appear on the list is Hoover, with a budget of less than £4 million.

Hotpoint, part of GEC, is one of the most successful U.K. manufacturers, claiming to have knocked Hoover from the top spot in the washing machine market and enjoying a predominant position in other sectors with a full range of products. It won many admirers for the way it weathered the onslaught of imports in the early 1970s which caught most U.K.

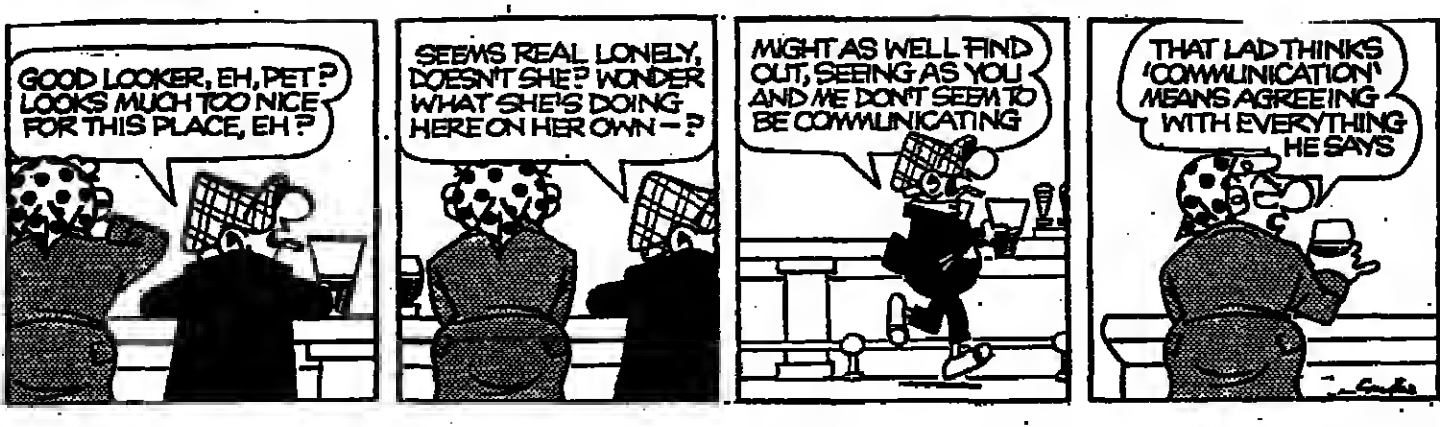
### Peanuts



### Mutt 'n' Jeff



### Andy Capp



### JUMBLE.

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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RUMIAD

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: THE O O O O & O O O O

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumble: SWAMP ELEGY DEPUTY BABOON  
Answer: A loofer is always ready to do this, to say the least—THE LEAST



**FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida** — Underwater archaeologists say they may have found a slave ship that sank on its way to Africa to trade lumber for human cargo. The group was excavating the wreck of the *Gillibias*, a 19th Century rig that sank in an 1838 hurricane, when they discovered what they believe to be the wreck of the slave ship under 2.7 metres of coarse sand. "At first we thought we had some old steel cable. Then we discovered it was wrapped in canvas and tarred heap," said diver James Dean. The cable turned out to be old iron shrouds with fittings that the diving team has dated to the late 1800s. The shrouds were "remarkably well preserved," Dean said. They lie in the sand, spaced as if attached to a mast of a good-sized ship. Dean says divers should be able to follow them to the hull.

# New Zealand

WELLINGTON (R)—New Zealand will sue France if Paris is confirmed to be involved in the sinking of the Greenspeace ship Rainbow Warrior, Prime Minister David Lange said Monday.

Mr. Lange told reporters that New Zealand would seek damages for Greenspeace, the family of a crewmember killed in the sinking and itself if an official role were established.

The vessel sank in Auckland on July 10. It was to have led a protest fleet to France's nuclear test area at Mururoa atoll.

French state radio has said a couple charged in Auckland with sabotaging the ship and murdering the crew member were officers in the French Armed Forces, and President Francois Mitterrand has ordered a top-level inquiry into media suggestions that the French secret service was involved.

"The principles of international law are that if... an instrument of government has offended the sovereignty of another nation, then it is for the aggrieved nation to claim" on behalf of those who suffer loss and for itself, for all the affront